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223 Saipan landowners to get between 89 cents to over \$190K

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At least 223 Saipan landowners will get anywhere from 89 cents to over \$190,000 once the Department of Public Lands starts releasing a total of \$800,000 in Managaha landing fees to pay those

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whose private properties were taken by the government for public use such as road construction, data obtained by

Saipan Tribune shows.

The larger the private property taken, the larger the amount that landowners will receive but it is still based on "equal percentage" distribution to ensure fairness.

Based on DPL's calculation, 1.7288 percent or 0.017288 is equally applied to

all land claimants.

For example, a family with a total claim of \$8,255 should expect a payment of \$142.71.

A family with a total claim of \$11 million should expect to receive \$190,168.

A family with a total claim of only
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Two casino referendum petitions rejecting Saipan casino laws—which have since been repealed and reenacted in their entirety—failed to get at least 20 percent of CNMI registered voters' valid signatures and are therefore not going to be presented to voters in the Nov. 4 general elections.

The Office of the Attorney General's Aug. 6 decision comes on the same day the Lottery Commission approved a minimum \$2 billion casino development agreement that would become final once

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ORIENTATION SESSION

New college students at the Northern Marianas College recently attended an orientation session, where Leo Pangelinan, dean of Student Services, provided information about registration and college life. Registration for NMC's fall 2014 semester is next week from Aug. 11 to Aug. 15, 2014.

NMC

Asiana flights' suspension in October

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Asiana Airlines has been told that their seven-day suspension of flights between Incheon and Saipan will be administered from Oct. 14 to 20, according to Sungnam Park, general manager of their

Saipan regional office.

Last June, South Korea's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transportation ordered the seven-day suspension because of a violation of safety regulations by the airline during a flight to Saipan.

Park said that, although appeals were submitted, it appears the decision to im-

pose the sanctions were already set.

"Despite our efforts and support from local societies, we couldn't stop this decision," he said.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos earlier wrote the Korean ministry to ask for an alternative penalty in the form of monetary fines instead of a suspension of flights, citing its potential negative impact on the islands' tourism industry.

A petition signed by 120 members of the local Korean business community echoed this desire.

Park said that, while these appeals were rejected, he believes the ministry wanted to emphasize the importance of safety and that is why they did not want to be "flexible" with the sanction imposed on Asiana Airlines.

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House weighs resolution vs Obama plan to expand Pacific marine monuments

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Members of the House of Representatives weighed yesterday afternoon Rep. Richard Seman's (R-Saipan) newly-introduced resolution asking President Barack Obama to withdraw his proposed expansion of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument—which does not include the Marianas Trench Marine Monument—but ended up not voting on it for not meeting the 24-hour advance public notice.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and others want to seek public input first before acting on what some consider a “preemptive” resolution that does not have anything to do with the CNMI.

Seman's House Joint Resolution 18-19 was placed on calendar for action in the next session.

However, the speaker tasked the Committees on Natural Resources and Foreign and Federal Relations to seek input from relevant agencies and the general public, for reporting to the body.

The speaker said he has concerns about opposing Obama's proposed expansion of a marine monument that does not even include the CNMI.

Seman, in response, said if Obama could expand another marine monument in the Pacific, it's only a matter of time before Obama or any future American president do the same with the Marianas Trench Marine Monument around Maug, Uracas and Asuncion, the CNMI's three northernmost islands.

He said time is of the essence to act on his resolution, because the deadline for submitting comments to the president's proposal is Aug. 15, or next Friday.

Obama's proposed expansion of a Pacific marine sanctuary is about the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument, which is south and west

of Hawaii, protecting areas around Kingman Reef, Palmyra Atoll, Howland Island, Baker Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, and Wake Island.

Like the Marianas Trench Monument, the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument was also established by President Bush in 2009.

Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan) echoed Seman's sentiments and urged her colleagues to adopt the resolution.

Deleon Guerrero, in reviewing the bill that members saw only yesterday, pointed to a portion of the joint resolution stating that the 18th CNMI Legislature “joins the people of the CNMI and the region in voicing its opposition to any expansion of any national marine monument within the Western Pacific.”

He said House members do not even know if people of the CNMI oppose such expansion of a marine monument outside the Marianas, because the resolution has yet to be referred to a committee to seek public input.

Moreover, because the resolution was introduced only on the floor yesterday, it did not meet the 24-hour advance public notice so the House did not vote on it.

Nevertheless, because of time considerations, the body decided to place the resolution on calendar for action next session, before Aug. 15.

Seman, in his resolution, said Obama now proposes an expansion of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument to extend its borders from the current 50-mile boundary from island and atoll shores to 200 miles out to sea.

“Such expansion means that a local fisherman must travel 400 miles in open ocean just to gain access to fishing grounds, which makes fishing economically not feasible, effectively ending

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Counsel's misreading of rules costs man's right to appeal conviction

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A defense attorney's misreading of the plain language of the NMI Supreme Court Rules has resulted in a dive master losing his right to appeal his conviction for killing a protected spotted eagle ray.

Defendant Hu Jieng Fang will have to serve the full maximum sentence of six months in prison that Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed against him last June 18.

Camacho rejected yesterday assistant public defender Matthew Meyer's request to be given more time to file an appeal in the case against his client, Fang.

The judge determined that there is no good cause for missing the deadline to file a notice of appeal because this situation does not involve any elements outside Meyer's control. He also did not find ex-

cusable neglect.

Following the ruling, Camacho found moot Fang's two other motions—for a stay of execution of sentence pending appeal and for an immediate stay of sentence pending appeal.

Camacho heard the motions on Wednesday.

In his order yesterday, Camacho said a defendant must generally file within 30 days of judgment, or if the government appeals first, within 30 days of the government's appeal.

However, Camacho said, if the defendant files certain motions for judgment of conviction, then the defendant has 30 days from the entry of the order disposing of the motion to file an appeal.

The judge said the court may extend the time to file a notice of appeal "upon a finding of excusable neglect or good cause."

Camacho said he is not convinced that good cause for

missing a deadline exists any time the requesting party's attorney makes a mistake due to no fault of the party.

Camacho said the mistake in this case was not one of plausible misconstruction, but went against the plain language of the rules.

Reviewing the circumstances of the case, the judge said he finds that Meyer acted in good faith.

Camacho said there is no indication that the delay here would prejudice the government, and the request for extension was filed within 30 days of the expiration of the first deadline for filing the notice of appeal.

"However, the court finds that these factors are out-

weighed by the other relevant circumstances: there was no reason not to file the notice of appeal at the same time as, shortly after, the original motion was filed; and counsel's reason for not filing was a lack of familiarity with the established rules," he said.

Camacho said he is concerned that granting an extension in a case like this will open the door to an extension in practically every case.

At the June 18 sentencing, Camacho ordered the

27-year-old Fang to serve the six-month prison sentence day for day without the possibility of parole.

Camacho found Fang guilty of one count of ray protection

at a bench trial last June 8. Witnesses testified that Fang shot a three-foot wide spotted eagle ray with a spear gun on Jan. 15, 2014, and took the carcass aboard a boat.

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CASINO

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the parent company of Best Sunshine International Ltd. accepts it.

That's also the last day for filing petitions and candidacies with the Commonwealth Election Commission.

Each of the referendum petitions is required to muster at least 3,243 signatures, or 20 percent of registered CNMI voters as required by Article 9 Section 2(a) of the NMI Constitution.

The referendum petition on Public Law 18-38 had only 2,845 signatures, while the one on Public Law 18-43 only had 2,840 signatures.

Concerned citizen Leila Staffler told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday she's disappointed "but not surprised" with the OAG's decision.

"It is now up to the voters on Nov. 4, whether they want to elect those running for office who did not give voters a chance to have their voices heard on a major issues such as a casino on Saipan. Important questions still haven't been answered such as those related to infrastructure plans. Can Saipan infrastructure such as utilities, roads, [and] airport handle that development? I

hope lawmakers come up with a plan, or the island is doomed to fail," Staffler said.

PL 18-38, as amended by PL 18-43, was later repealed and reenacted in its entirety and became PL 18-56.

Many retirees waiting for their deferred 25-percent pension pressured lawmakers to pass the bill that became PL 18-56, while representatives of those who signed the casino referendum petitions said passing such a bill could potentially kill their referendum petitions.

Staffler said yesterday she questions the validity of the OAG's Aug. 6 decision.

Among other things, she said, Gilbert Birnrich as acting attorney general has a conflict of interest in certifying the referendum petitions because he is also a member of the Lottery Commission that accepted applications for an exclusive casino license on Saipan.

The commission picked Best Sunshine over Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. and has since been negotiating with the former.

Birnrich formally notified Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero about the referendum petitions' fate in two separate letters dated Aug. 6, copies of which were

obtained yesterday.

A day after sending the letter, OAG issued a public statement summarizing its decision.

Review

In reviewing the referendum petition directed to PL 18-38, OAG said there were only 2,845 signatures of persons registered to vote in the CNMI—below the minimum required 3,243 valid signatures.

In reaching this number, OAG said 373 signatures were flagged for Election Commission review.

Of those 373 signatures, 247 were verified by the Election Commission as that of qualified voters and are reflected in the 2,845 number, OAG said.

The remaining 126 of the 373 flagged signatures came back with a "no match" by the Election Commission.

"Even if all 'no match' signatures were counted, the total number of signatures would only be 2,971 and still would not meet the 20-percent requirement," Birnrich said in a two-page letter to the Election Commission's executive director.

OAG's review of the referendum petition directed at PL 18-43 had similar results. The petition contains 2,840 signatures of persons registered to

vote in the CNMI.

In reaching this number, 560 signatures were flagged for the Election Commission's review.

Of those 560 signatures, 453 signatures were verified as that of qualified voters and are reflected in the 2,840 number.

"107 of the 560 flagged signatures came back with a 'no match' by the Election Commission. Even if all 'no match' signatures were counted, the total number of signatures would only be 2,947 and still would not meet the 20-percent requirement," Birnrich told Guerrero.

Based on these figures, Birnrich certified that the two petitions do not meet the requirements of Section 2(a) of Article 9 of the Commonwealth Constitution.

Accordingly, he said, the referendum petitions to reject PLs 18-38 and 18-43 "should not be presented to the voters at the next general election."

On July 21, the OAG also certified that a referendum petition to reject the Saipan electronic gaming law or PL 18-30 will not be presented to voters in the November general elections for not meeting the minimum 20 percent of the CNMI's registered voters' signatures.

Staffler hand-delivered the three referendum petitions on

the electronic gaming and casino laws to the OAG on July 7.

In the past, the Election Commission assisted with the certification process and reviewed petitions on the AG's behalf.

But this year, due to the influx of candidate petitions, the Election Commission could not provide the same level of assistance with the certification process, Birnrich said in his Aug. 6 letters.

To address this issue, the Election Commission provided the voter registration list and agreed to compare signatures for entries that were flagged for signature checks,

Birnrich added.

The voter registration list includes, among other things, the name, addresses, precinct and date of birth for each registered voter.

Saipan voters had twice rejected casinos on Saipan. But early this year, the Legislature passed a bill authorizing casino operation on Saipan without public hearings and without a committee report, drawing lawsuits and complaints. Passage, repeal, and reenactment of Saipan casino measures were debated and discussed by lawmakers and members of the public.

ASIANA

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While there would be no operations on Asiana's part during those seven days in October, Park said that Jeju Air, a low-cost carrier flying in from Korea, would be operating flights to Saipan by Oct 1.

However, he compared the 450 seats provided by Asiana in a week versus the 180 seats Jeju Air would provide, and estimated that Jeju Air would only cover about a third of their total seat configuration.

Park said he expects a loss of around \$4 million to \$5 million during that week.

Asiana passengers who have made bookings for the affected period have been transferred to another day or route.

"We don't have many passengers who have booking on this period," he said.

Park said because of the violation and subsequent sanction, the airline has been diligent in making sure they implement all the necessary measure and regulations for safety.

He has no doubts about the safety and security of Asiana flights, adding that the airline is proud to have contributed to the islands with over 20 years of its service here.

"I deeply appreciate the local support to try to stop [the

suspension] but despite efforts we couldn't stop this one. We continue to serve and contribute to the development of this island, and have reinforced our safety and security system," he said.

In response to the issue, the Marianas Visitor Authority issued this statement through its managing director, Perry Tenorio: "The CNMI, through Governor Inos, requested the Minister of Lands, Infrastructure and Transportation to consider another from of sanction for the safety violations that were charged against Asiana Airlines. Regretfully, the [ministry] opted to move forward with its original decision in the form of Asiana Airlines not flying for seven days in October 2014. We absolutely respect that decision.

"The absence of air service in those seven days will have a negative impact on the CNMI travel industry and economy. That said, however, access to the CNMI from South Korea will be available through Jeju Air as they are expected to launch daily service beginning Oct. 1, 2014."

Ed Mendiola, acting director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, said while it is unfortunate that "sales would go down" as there would be a lower number of passengers that week, the airport would run its operations as usual.

NEWEST CUC BOARD MEMBERS

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, left, administers the oath of office to Evelyn Manglona Mendiola, center, and Eric Cruz, right, to serve as the newest members of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s board of directors, on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon. Cruz, representing Tinian, and Mendiola, representing Rota, both said their main goal is to help lower residential CUC customers' power rates and seriously tap a combination of alternative energy. The swearing in was witnessed by CUC executive director Alan Fletcher, Rota and Tinian lawmakers, former attorney general Joey Patrick San Nicolas and family members.

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LANDOWNERS

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\$51.30 should expect only 89 cents.

A few payments are less than \$10. Many are in the hundreds and thousands.

However, the \$800,000 payment—which should be expected no later than mid-September—is only a drop in the bucket, considering that total land claims within Saipan is over \$46.276 million as of Aug. 4, 2014, DPL data shows.

"But it's better to receive something than not get anything at all. We've waited over 20 years for payment for our family land used for road and utilities," Pedro B. Camacho, one of those expecting land claims payments, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Camacho, who's about to turn 70, said he's happy that in his and his siblings' twilight

years, they would be able to see the first government payment.

He is among the heirs of the late Juan N. Camacho, who owned properties in Achugao.

"We've never seen any payment; not even a penny. This will be the first time," the heir said.

Camacho hopes that they will eventually get the rest of their land claims.

"There are a lot of us who have waited for a long time for payment," he added.

There will be 186 families or landowners with land claims related to right-of-way or road construction, with expected payments totaling \$485,774.50.

There will also be \$280,313.25 expected payments for 26 families with land claims relating to wetlands.

There's also \$33,933.72 expected payment for 11 families with land claims relating to ponding or drainage projects.

The \$800,000 payment was a result of Rep. Anthony Bena-

vente's (Ind-Saipan) local bill that the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation passed and became law without the governor's signature.

The same local law, Saipan Local Law 18-19, gives \$100,000 each to the Northern Marianas Descent Corp. and the NMI Museum of History and Culture.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the Saipan delegation, said yesterday that land compensation, "like all judgments against the government, are the responsibility of the CNMI government."

Tebuteb inquired with DPL on the land compensation payments on July 23.

DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio, in an Aug. 4 response, provided a calculation methodology pursuant to Saipan Local Law 18-19.

The DPL list, obtained yesterday, does not include the names of individual claimants

for privacy matters. It only includes property data and areas acquired, date of claims, certification, location, cash value of properties taken, the applied computed percentage per SLL 18-19, and computed amount of compensation area.

"DPL does not anticipate deducting personnel and other expenses incurred as a result of its effort to implement the law," Tenorio told Tebuteb.

Private land in Chalan Laulau taken by the government and has a cash value of \$122,858 should expect \$2,123.97. That was certified in October 2002.

Land with a cash value of a little over \$2.2 million in Chalan Pale Arnold, for example, should expect a payment of \$38,081. That land was certified in August 2002.

A land in Achugao with cash value of \$480,501 should expect payment of \$8,306.90. That was certified in August 1992. The list goes on.

HOUSE

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thousands of years of traditional fishing and denying island people one of the few ways in which they can support themselves and live independently in the modern world," he said in his six-page resolution.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) earlier said the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument "is not included" in Obama's proposed vast expansion of a Pacific Ocean marine sanctuary.

But he said the CNMI still has to be prepared to respond to any suggestions from other entities to expand the Marianas Trench Monument.

2 resolutions adopted

The House adopted two resolutions yesterday afternoon,

including Floor Leader Ralph Demapan's (Cov-Saipan) House Resolution 18-60, honoring retirees for their contributions to the CNMI's economic development.

Demapan said this is also in keeping with upcoming Labor Day celebrations.

The House also adopted Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz's (Ind-Saipan) House Joint Resolution 18-18 requesting Gov. Eloy S. Inos to formally endorse the Reconnaissance Report and support the movement to reconstitute the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. as a consumer-owned cooperative.

HJR 18-18's adoption came about the same time Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider administered the oath of office to two CUC board members: Eric Cruz San Nicolas representing Tinian and Evelyn Manglona Mendiola representing Rota.

Leyda Ada sentencing delayed

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Due to the difficulties of securing forensic handwriting experts and voluminous materials, the federal court has delayed the trial of Leyda I. Ada, who is facing charges of conspiring with her husband in a health care and food stamp fraud.

At a status conference on Wednesday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted Ada's motion to postpone the trial date.

Manglona ordered that all

»Due to difficulties in hiring handwriting experts, voluminous materials

persons previously summoned to appear as a witness in the case on Sept. 9, 2014, should instead appear on the new trial date of Oct. 6, 2014, at 10am.

The judge set the new trial date after finding about the large amount of new discovery in the case, as well as the unique difficulties in securing experts from the U.S. mainland to be present at trial.

Court-appointed counsel

Mark Hanson asked to continue the trial due to voluminous new discovery and the need to secure a forensic handwriting expert to review documents.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe stated that if the defense is planning to call a handwriting expert, the prosecution will also need its own expert to respond.

Backe opposed the request to postpone the trial date, declaring that they are ready to proceed to trial on Sept. 9.

Ada pleaded not guilty to the second superseding indictment charging her with one count of

conspiracy to commit money laundering, one count of money laundering, five counts of mail fraud, one count of conspiracy

to commit food stamp fraud, and one count of perjury.

The original indictment charged Ada and her husband,

Melvin Ada, with 59 counts. Melvin Ada pleaded guilty to 56 charges and is now awaiting his sentencing.

Judge denies motion to hold Roberto trial in Guam

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The federal court has denied Guam attorney David J. Lujan's motion to transfer to Guam the jury trial of his client, former acting CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife director Raymond Borja Roberto, who is facing charges of witness tampering and enticing three underage girls to engage in prostitution.

At motions hearing on Wednesday that lasted more than three hours, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona first informed the parties that she has read all the briefs and that her inclination was to deny Roberto's motion to change the trial's venue.

Another private counsel for Roberto, attorney Ignacio Agui, who spoke on the phone, argued in support of the defendant's motion. Attorney Joaquin Torres is also a private counsel for the defendant.

Assistant U.S. attorney Rami Badawy opposed the motion.

After hearing all the arguments, Manglona denied Roberto's motion.

Lujan had argued that the trial should be moved to the U.S. District Court of Guam because Roberto would be unable to obtain a fair and impartial trial in the NMI.

Citing several articles in a newspaper (not Saipan Tribune), Lujan said every time a new superseding indictment

»Defendant has 3 private counsels

is entered—in this case three times—the allegations against Roberto have been inaccurately publicized.

"The public has fallen prey to the inaccurate and sensational reports that the press and the government disseminated," said Lujan, citing a reader's comment on a newspaper's online article (not Saipan Tribune).

The third superseding indictment filed month charged Roberto with three counts of enticement of a minor and one count of witness tampering.

In the third superseding indictment, assistant U.S. attorney Badawy alleged that Roberto persuaded three underage girls to have sex with him from March 1, 2013 to July 18, 2013.

On the witness tampering matter, Badawy stated that this happened on April 24, 2014, while Roberto was detained pending trial, when he attempted to influence the testimony of an individual.

According to the minutes of Wednesday's hearing, Manglona also denied Roberto's motion to dismiss the third superseding indictment for lack of specificity.

Lujan, who also appeared via phone, argued in support of Roberto's motion. Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton argued the prosecution's opposition.

Manglona also denied Roberto's amended motion to dismiss the third superseding

NAVFAC: Aug. 15 deadline for comments

PEARL HARBOR—Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific reminds the community of the Friday, Aug. 15, deadline (Chamorro Standard Time) to submit public comments for Programmatic Agreement Memo No. 2 which includes the determination of effect and the Department of Defense plan for resolution associated with Military Construction Project P-230: Ground Support Equipment Maintenance Shop, GSE Holding Shed, Aviation Armament Shop and AV Life Support Systems Shop.

The project involves construction of a one-story high-

bay composite facility within the bounds of North Ramp at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Although not specific to North Ramp itself, the traditional place name of the general area around it is Upi. There will be four separate components of the facility: GSE maintenance shop, GSE holding shed, AV armament shop and AV life support systems shop.

PA Memo 2 may be found on the NAVFAC Pacific Cultural Information website at <http://go.usa.gov/kZWG>.

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Plans underway for the paving of Kagman III secondary roads

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Kagman III residents will soon be seeing some progress in the paving of the village's secondary roads, which have been a long-standing problem in the area.

According to Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-MP) yesterday, after the appropriation of some \$2.7 million last month, he, other lawmakers, and government agencies have been working together to address the \$600,000 that was appropriated to Precinct 5.

Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* that he met Friday with the Department of Public Works to discuss the paving of Kagman roads.

In an earlier interview, Deleon Guerrero said that DPW had told him the money was with the Commonwealth Development Authority and there wasn't any meeting yet and said that he would contact CDA and DPW to come up with a plan.

"[On Wednesday], DPW, CDA and the Office of Management of Budget settled everything and came up with a request for proposal that will probably be advertised next week," Deleon Guerrero said.

He said the three secondary roads that will be targeted for the project are Pine Drive, Chopak Drive, and Mangga Street.

"When the RFP comes out, it's going to be a sealed bid. We want

to prioritize major thoroughfares first," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said the project is still in the early stages and that designs are in progress for the roads, architecture, and engineering.

"We will try to get in touch with the Department of Public Lands if they already have a design so we don't mix up designs," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said that Vicky Villagomez of the Office of Management and Budget broke down the financials of the project and \$400,000 is what's left for construction.

"But we will be using leftovers from the other part of the money we'll be using for other purposes. If there's any left, it will go to construction as well," he said.

He noted that he will confer with the Saipan Mayor's Office to clear the roads of potholes in the meantime.

"The only issue is that they have no grader and so does DPW, so we might try to rent, but we're trying our best for our community," Deleon Guerrero said.

The Saipan Mayor's Office said that lawmakers have been asking them to clear Kagman roads of potholes and debris but they couldn't do it as they have no equipment and no available funds to rent one.

"But we will try and do our best to address the clearing of the roads," the mayor's office said.

Radio program features 2 war historians

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council will be featuring two war historians during the "Your Humanities Half Hour" radio program this Sunday, Aug. 10. It will air from 2pm to 2:30pm on Power 99 and is hosted by Catherine R. Perry.

The radio program will feature Courtney Short and Lisa Yoneyama, who earlier in June did presentations at the history conference at Saipan World Resort.

Yoneyama will be presenting a narrative about Japan called

"Coming to Terms with America's Justus Hostis: Remembering Japan's Liberal Empire in Saipan" on forming the Japanese empire and its extension to Asia and the Pacific.

Short will be focusing on the Naval Military Government that operated in Okinawa from September 1945 to July 1946. Her presentation is called "The Occupation of Okinawa: Considerations of Race and Identity in Naval Military Government Policy." (Jason Camacho)

Woodruff 'tired of litigating disciplinary cases' against him

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Attorney Stephen Woodruff has stated that he's quite tired of litigating the disciplinary cases that led to Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman's order in June 2013 for his disbarment from the practice of law in local courts.

Woodruff appeared before CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice Perry B. Inos on Wednesday for a hearing on his motion that seeks to disqualify disciplinary counsel Thomas Clifford from the disciplinary matter that he is appealing.

After listening to Woodruff's and Clifford's arguments, Inos placed the matter under advisement.

At the hearing, Woodruff, argued that Clifford should be disqualified from the case and that a new disciplinary counsel be appointed. He said this is a complex case that involves a lot of issues.

"I'm not a perfect attorney," Woodruff said in concluding his arguments when Inos informed him that his time was up.

Woodruff said the issue is not untimeliness to file his pleadings in court but Clifford's refusal to recuse from the case.

Woodruff said he likes Clifford, whom he described as a good lawyer, and that he does not like to ask for the recusal, but that in this case it is necessary.

In opposing the motion to recuse, Clifford said they had a lengthy discussion before Wiseman about the same issue of his representation for the NMI Bar Association. He said Woodruff was unable to point a single fact that warrants his recusal.

»Seeks disqualification of disciplinary counsel Clifford

Clifford said he is not interested in this case and that he believes no one from the Bar is interested to serve as disciplinary counsel and prosecute a fellow lawyer. As a Bar member, though, he has a duty to do so, he said.

Clifford said Woodruff did not object to his representation when the disciplinary case was heard in Superior Court.

"There has to be a timely objection to my representation," Clifford said, pointing out that Woodruff raised his objection 13 to 14 months later. He said Woodruff waived his objection by not timely raising the issue.

Clifford said the underlying issue in the disciplinary case is Woodruff's untimely filings. He said Woodruff needs some kind of system to manage his private practice and that it makes no sense to remand the matter to the Superior Court.

In his disbarment order on June 7, 2013, Wiseman found the lawyer to have 44 violations of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

In an interview after the hearing, Woodruff said his motion requests that briefing be stayed, that Clifford be disqualified, and an appeal conference officer be appointed.

Woodruff said the court denied the appointment of an appeal conference officer and denied the stay of briefing.

He said the issue heard was his motion to disqualify Clifford.

Woodruff said he never argued that disqualification of Clifford should be retroactive and mean that everything that happened in the Superior

Court gets automatically set aside just because of his conflict of interest.

Woodruff said he wants an attorney that is not conflicted, that will deal with the case in accordance with the prosecutorial duty and not have his perceptions followed "by whatever it is that follows Mr. Clifford perceptions in this case."

Woodruff said Clifford argued that he's asking for some kind of special break.

"No. I did not ask for any kind of special break. I only asked that he treat that case the same way that he would treat an ordinary case. As a prosecutor his duty is actually



Woodruff

tightened," he said.

Woodruff cited that they had that order of distribution that included the \$600 payment to Kenneth and Wanlapa Warfle,

one of the nine cases in the disciplinary matter.

Woodruff said he has no problem with the \$600 being paid to the Warfles, but the Warfles have to fulfill their side of the settlement agreement if they're being paid.

He said the record with regard to the order of distribution was very clear and in all of the previous proceedings.

First of all, he said, the money was put in to the court in trust and not to be disbursed.

Woodruff said what everything Clifford did with regard to the order of distribution is wrong, "but the court did not want me to talk about that."

He said it's the reason why Wiseman on July 3 withdrew the order of distribution because it's actually wasn't proper.

"It's Mr. Clifford who prepared that order and the first name to be paid in that order is \$600 to the Warfles, without the Warfles ever signing the agreement, without the Warfles ever officially notifying the court and the disciplinary committee that they are withdrawing their complaint," he said.

Woodruff said they had a hearing on his motion to disqualify and then Clifford chose to try to use the hearing as an opportunity to argue his motion to dismiss the appeal.

"Mr. Clifford is trying to turn around and try to push the court... never mind the motion to disqualify, dismiss the appeal," he said.

Woodruff said the bottom line is, if the appeal is dismissed, he's denied due process.

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Kilili optimistic on CHCC's future plans

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"I am very optimistic about the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s future plans for the CNMI," Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan told CHCC executives and partners at the Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort in Kagman on Wednesday.

Sablan said he's been glad to help address issues with the

Commonwealth Health Center and has been conferring with agencies and CHCC as well on how to further improve the hospital's services.

Sablan told CHCC officials he is rooting for them and hopes they will pick things back up and continue providing public health services to the CNMI.

Dr. Sharleen Osman, director for Medical Affairs for CHCC, said she is happy that Sablan

has been responding to the hospital's cry for funding.

This was echoed by CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña, chief financial officer Jack Taitague, and hospital administrator Jess Tudela, who also expressed gratitude to Sablan for helping secure the \$50,000 grant that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development presented to CHCC on Wednesday.

"The hospital does have other

larger grant applications with USDA and the CNMI was able to open up and establish and nurture our partnership with USDA and the USDA has been very responsive in what they can do for the CNMI," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* after the grant presentation.

Sablan also expressed confidence in the ability of CHC to obtain recertification from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services.

"They are addressing that

problem but it's something that the CHCC management has to do and not get involved with the politicians. They are more than capable of doing that and they can, so that we could get out of this unfortunate situation of being partly at risk," Sablan said.

"I know they are getting there and we are very grateful to the U.S. Department of the Interior for providing help to CHCC and now USDA is helping out CHCC with hospital beds," he added.

Interior funded the trip of

the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps to the CNMI last year to help with the recertification for CHC.

CMS extended CHCC's recertification until Nov. 14.

Right now, CHCC officials and managers are reviewing future plans on how to further improve hospital services.

"We are planning and finding ways to better our hospital so we can continue to provide for the community on our services for years to come," Muña said.

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Affected sites are Smiling Cove Marina, Samoa Housing, Garapan Fishing Dock, Chalan

Laulau Beach, Chalan Kanoa District 2 drain, Fiesta Resort, Hafa Adai Beach Hotel, Garapan Fishing Base drain, San Jose Beach, San Antonio lift station, Fiesta drainage, Hafa Adai drainage, Garapan Beach, Civic Center Beach, Chalan Kanoa District 4 Lally Beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. (DEQ)

Celebrities Lee Seung-Hyun and Qi Wei wed on Saipan

South Korean singer-actor Lee Seung-Hyun and Chinese singer-actress Qi Wei were married on Aug. 2, 2014, (Chinese Valentine's Day) on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

Lee surprised his bride with an intimate beach wedding at the Hafadai Beach Hotel, secretly bringing her mother to join a small group of close friends at the informal occasion. The trip to Saipan was originally planned as a working vacation getaway but Lee surprised Qi Wei with a proposal while walking along the

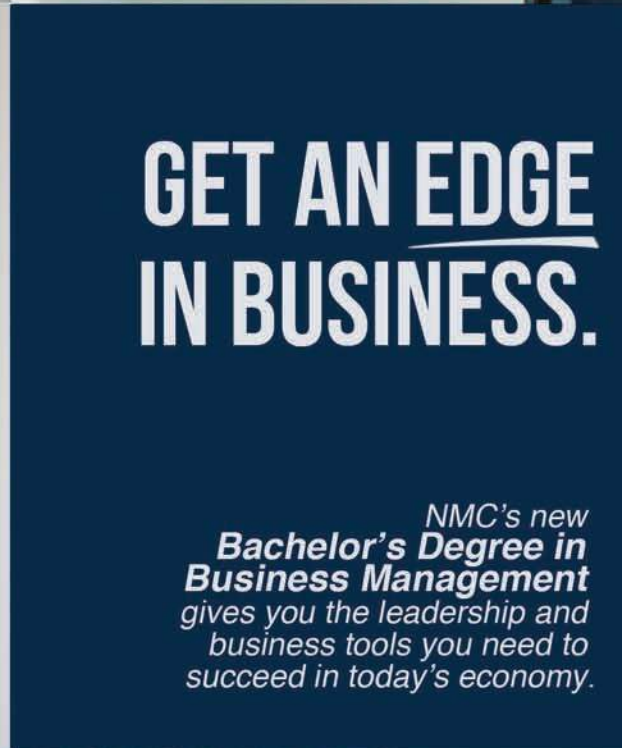
white sand beach.

"We congratulate Lee Seung-Hyun and Qi Wei on their wedding, and we are delighted that they chose to start their new life together with a lovely beach ceremony on Saipan," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman.

The celebrity couple came to Saipan to film a music video with a production crew and a major Chinese fashion magazine. Qi Wei most recently starred in the TV series *Love is Back* in 2014

and the movie *Zuo Ci You Qian Ren* in 2013. She has more than 20 million followers on her social media Weibo page in China. Lee most recently appeared in the movie *Love Squares*.

The event was held in cooperation with travel.sina.com.cn. The news about the couple's surprise beach wedding on Saipan was released in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Island wedding ceremony photos were published on photo.sina.com.cn and other websites. (MVA)



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Another GOP failure on immigration

The following editorial appeared in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Monday, Aug. 4:

Immigration continues to be a major problem at the nation's borders as children find their way to northern Mexico to escape violence in Central America.

But even now, Republicans in Congress can't be bothered to put aside their differences to find common ground.

Case in point: House Republicans fought among themselves last week before passing a fig leaf of a bill late Friday and then leaving on holiday for five weeks. Once more, a small group of nativists in the right wing of the party undid the efforts of House Speaker John Boehner and others who want a coherent position.

All of this may seem odd considering that the Republicans' own "autopsy" of Mitt Romney's loss in 2012 to President Barack Obama made a single policy recommendation: that Republicans embrace comprehensive immigration reform, something that the majority of Americans want.

But rabid anti-reformers, such as U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, put pressure on House members, some of whom owe their jobs to conservative activists fiercely opposed to reform. That forced Boehner's hand.

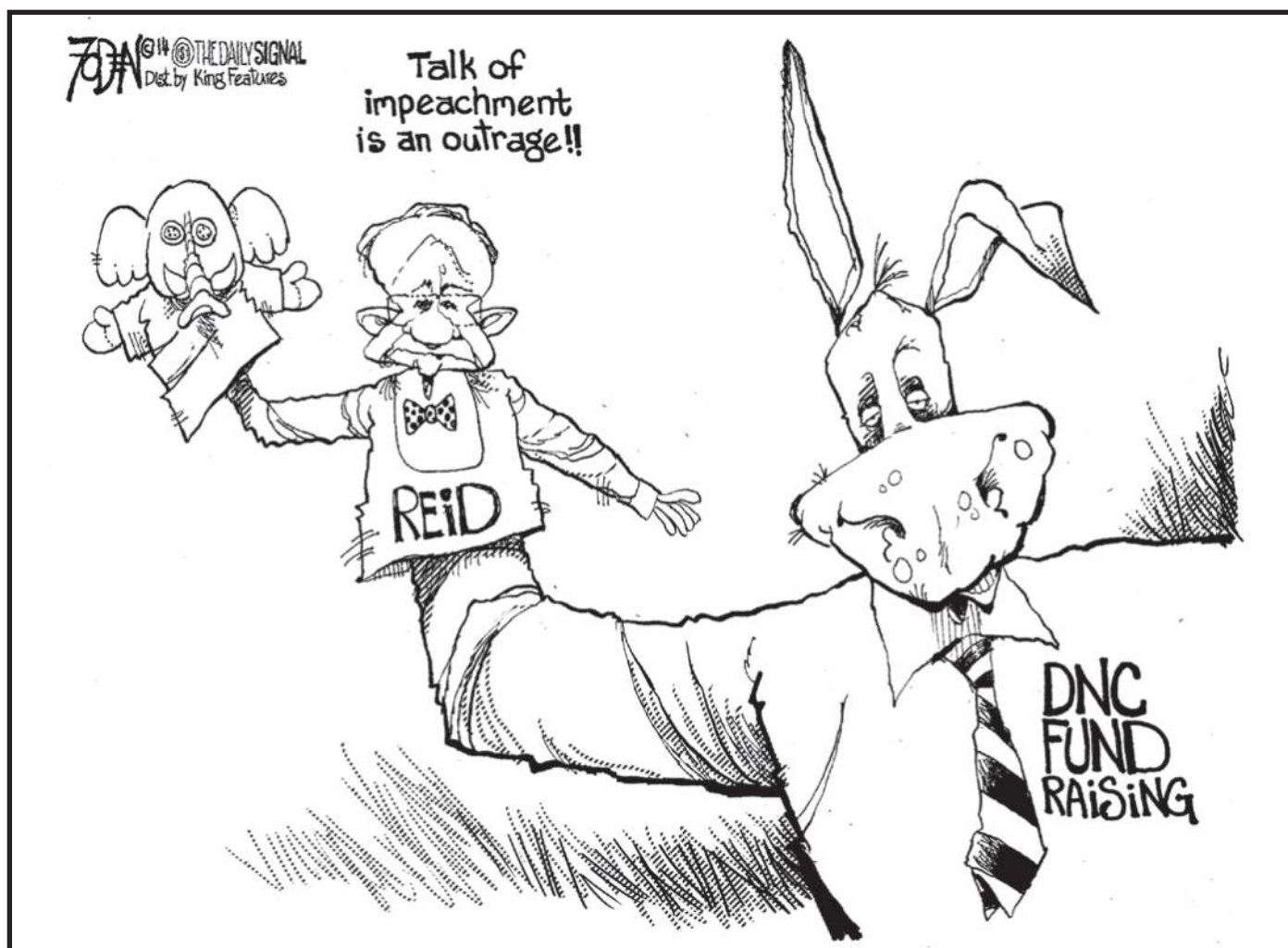
The bill that the House passed allocated \$694 million for border security and clears the way for deportation of more than 700,000 immigrants who came to the United States illegally as kids.

In other words, it does nothing to solve the problem. And the president, who asked for an emergency appropriation of \$3.7 billion, got not one penny for that effort.

"I'm going to have to act alone, because we don't have enough resources," Obama said. "That means while they're out on vacation, I'm going to have to make some tough choices to meet the challenge, with or without Congress."

If anyone was wondering why Obama has so frequently had to act without congressional blessing, wonder no more.

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Marijuana

It is a bar in my neighborhood where the Chinese owner speaks fluent English. He employs female students from nearby universities to waitress and to keep the clientele company. That last phrase is not like the ladies of the night in Garapan, for the bars in Shenyang are more like family community nodes where folks gather to celebrate daily life akin to the pubs in Canada, Ireland, and the UK.

Before my trip to America, I asked the bartender what I could bring him back when I returned. He responded: weed. The bar is just kitty-corner to the community public offices and the local police station, so the surprise on my face was noticeable. The young proprietor led me outside his bar that abuts the narrow street fronting the local children's playground and pointed to the potted plants and the tall grass growing wildly in the small spot that is his stamp-sized lawn. Abundantly growing were the familiar pointed leaves.

Now, whether the bar itself allows lighting up the sinsemilla (*aka*, pot, dope, grass, weed, Mary Jane, hemp, hash, ganja, locoweed, and among sailors that RR on Saipan, a reefer, toke, and roach), it does not appear so since a whiff of the waft is easily detectable and I had not sniffed the distinctive aroma in the premises. The young professionals who down imported beer (infrequency of my visit is largely due to the lager's price being a bit too steep for my pocketbook, though speaking my English is welcomed in the place) smoke their imported tar sticks, but that is the extent of the smoking I've sensed in the premises.

It is the potted plants and the wild grass growing outside the place that caught my fancy. The use of psychoactive drugs is harshly dealt with in China. Cannabis is, however, grown for export in China as hemp and seed. It was tea 5,000 years ago, and the seed is still eaten raw. Its use, however, like poppy powder (the flower grew at my Canada host's yard, is also prolific in west China), is illegal.

That the grass proliferates across the street from the police station and in front of a children's playground either means that local authorities consider the use of it in the neighborhood minimal, if at all, and the best way to manage it is not to make a big fuss about it. We know that the attraction of tobacco smoking among peers comes from the "rebellious" impulse of the young from restrictions.

My exposure to MJ is on record. I puffed twice from the ganja that commonly grew in Jamaica's Blue Mountains, each having an opposite effect but both intensifying my current state of being. I was elated with the first when I freshly arrived, and despondent on the second after three weeks of intense pedagogy.

I contracted malaria in Nigeria by Lagos lagoon when a nurse, with good intention and nursing acumen to let me man-

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age my delirium, gave me a puff of the weed prolific in the area. I climb the wall as a consequence and had to be driven fetus curled on a van floor to a German doctor in Abeokuta who specialized in tropical medicine.

The last puff was in Cebu City where an R&R'ing PCV acquaintance shared her golden stash. The curled position we shared was not on a van floor, and it was heavenly.

The details are not important, nor moral judgment called for. For a culture that has become pharmacologically dependent, where for every discomfort we reach for a pill, MJ use is more a prejudice than informed. Shake-and-seizure neuro-challenged young have since been getting medical relief from MJ. It beats flouxetine (popularly known as Prozac) anytime!

What I know as a decade-long tobacco smoker before I cold turkey'd in the '80s is that the effect of the weed is preferred to that of the nicotine, on all counts, and definitely healthier than the cousin of the tar sands!

Former PSS teacher Ambrose is getting raked over the coals for changing his stance on helping get students suspended from school for smoking the weed into now promoting the legalization of marijuana in the CNMI (or the decriminalization of use since penal facility overcrowding is now from MF use). Obama was candid enough to admit his inhaling as a student in Hawaii where the weed is often referred to as the "State Grass." A recent *NY Times* editorial just endorsed its legalization.

I stumbled on potted weeds by Lake Susupe in the '90s, and anxiously worried for a friend who grew it for extra income in his Papago home garden in 2009. I find the estimate of 50 percent of the island's population having puffed as conservative.

On selfhood, I wrestled individual identity in the '50s, racial discrimination in the late '60s, combative female pulchritude in the '70s, global eco-democracy in the '80s, gender redefinitions in the '90s, and the power of authenticity in the 2000s. All six are coalescing in this decade; the era of personal choice is the call of the times. That is the context to me for marijuana use—neither out of fear nor from the dictate of authority, but of individual preferential choice.

Happy campers

If you haven't pitched a tent for the summer camping season, don't worry. There's still time. Time, that is, to get a mortgage for your tent. Tents have gone up-scale.

I noticed this a few months ago when the camping-season catalogs started arriving in the mail. It's not even remarkable for a tent to cost \$300 or \$400 these days. I'm not saying you have to spend that, mind you, so I'm not trying to rain on the dreams of aspiring Scouts. Still, it's hard not to notice some of the price tags this time around.

The *Wall Street Journal* noticed, too. Its Aug. 2-Aug. 3 weekend edition featured several expensive tents, "Condos for the Campsite," as it said, a couple of which were in the \$1,200 to \$1,500 range. The article paid due heed to the ease of setting up the tents, and that is an important thing to consider.

Those kind of prices are a bit juicy for me, but my wife and I spent about \$200 on a tent a few years ago. At the time, I thought it was the world's most extravagant expenditure. But it held the promise of great comfort, allowing us to stand up inside, which is a lot easier than wriggling around like an earthworm when you want to get dressed or get ready for sleep.

Unfortunately, I did not pay due heed to the ease of setting up the tent. I still remember the first time we took it out. Getting it set up was a cross between solving the Rubik's Cube and erecting the Empire State Building. And that was in full daylight. In dim light, nobody would stand a chance with that thing.

As for the second time we took it out, well, there was no second

time. Once was enough.

Egads, how did things get so complicated?

I clearly remember when my pals and I were school-aged. We'd just plop a sleeping bag on the ground and that was good enough. But the passing years have a way of nudging you towards more creature comforts even if you're resisting the process.

And that process, well, it does roll on. Two couples of my acquaintance just bought unobtrusive little "pop-up" travel trailers that are essentially tents on wheels; they sort of fold open. One couple tows it behind a compact car and reports no problems with that.

As cute and comfortable as these things are, though, the two examples I saw cost about \$10,000.

Of course, if you want to start piling up digits and commas and dollar signs, there are full-blown "recreational vehicles" that can cost over \$100,000.

But I've gotten pretty far afield from the tent topic. Let me return to it with this observation: When I was a kid, camping was regarded as very much a middle-brow endeavor; it was nothing to be ashamed of, but it was probably not something that the country club set was interested in.

But when the *Wall Street Journal* starts writing about fancy tents that cost over a thousand bucks, we're not talking about a middle-brow industry. And when the normal, everyman catalogs I get have tents that are typically a few hundred bucks, we're still not talking about a middle-brow industry.

We're talking up-scale. That's what we're talking about.

Pondering major issues

Before the wildebeest overruns the old cattle fence, let's tinker with disquieting fundamental issues getting torched under the scorching Sun of Negligence of recent past.

There are huge planned development programs on the wings, e.g., 2,000-room hotel, another 700 rooms under the former Nikko and yet another project of about 200-plus rooms for a total of about 2,900 rooms. All are slated for construction up north of San Roque and As Matuis.

With the economy in shambles, piling into heaps of fiscal crisis, I wish the planned projects could be fast tracked to rake in direly needed infusion of wealth and jobs. It's the perfect recipe to salvaging complete bankruptcy of the local government. But there are potential glitches ahead.

Nervous and servile policymakers mistakenly placed the bull atop the bull cart. Now they're complaining that their pet beast is too big and heavy. When do we rid ourselves of the hazards of "advancing to the rear"? Why skip the more thorough review process of "due diligence"? Lazy? Is dalliance with terminal ignorance on substantive issues the new culture now?

Infrastructure: And so the island now boasts a casino industry! Fine! Next: Could any of the three be built within a reasonable timeline given the obvious lack of basic infrastructure on the northern part of the island? Wouldn't the cost of basic infrastructure entail federal CIP funds upwards of \$250 million? Was due diligence undertaken to figure this aspect of the planned development? Do you see how we've simply slammed these projects as a result of dystopian *mañana*?

The lack of a water table up north means these projects must employ use of "reverse osmosis"—process saltwater—for water needs. Not only is the desalinization system woefully expensive, the 70 percent effluent must be disposed of and EPA would guard the disposal aspect full press court. It means the likely use of city water that would adversely impact the three villages.

Is there a sewer system up north? Now we begin to meet "reality check" in real time. Would there be sufficient power for the impending projects? The power generation plant at Lower Base begins to

break down big time to even meet current demands. How does it meet future demands when it's caught pants down (must resolve federal consent decree) trying to make good on various violations? So CIP funding is a major hurdle from A to Z!

Obviously we failed to do "due diligence" time and again! Any adverse impact up north would definitely turn villagers into real enemies of the casino industry, including over 2,500 applicants waiting for residential homesteads. The lack of "due diligence" creates self-inflicted setbacks and deterrents for investments! When do we plan for projects to succeed?

Generous Sunshine

Stunning the generosity of Best Sunshine doling out millions of dollars to pay for the 25 percent in pension pay cut by Gov. Eulogio Inos, including delinquent CUC clientele. It's unheard of in any U.S. jurisdiction! Is this unconfirmed commitment for the duration? How about a 24 percent tax in what could be treated as "earnest funds" and leave disposition to the local government?

Beyond the servile standing ovation for BS' bloated generosity, did it occur to management that the informed and poised citizenry wish to know who among four gubernatorial candidates would benefit from its "Santa Baby" scheme? Will it be Hofschneider, Babauta, Guerrero, or just who? Moreover, is the innovative though dastardly scheme the new mode of investment in the CNMI—tethered to political connections? Strangely interesting the long shadowy patronage!

A lot has gone wrong in paradise, right? Moreover, the government of the Republic of China has instituted full investigation into corruption in Macau. Wouldn't this probe adversely affect investment in the Saipan casino? As responsible citizens, it's our duty to seek clear answers from queries raised herein. We need to be both smart and wise guiding the needle of growth so it doesn't become the very tool of indigenous displacement.

Dangerous fiscal crisis

Buddy Magoo is miffed that Binguano ignores his views on issues.

By ED STEPHENS

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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In fact, the last few people I encountered while camping had advanced degrees in professional fields. Reciprocally, however, having run into me, those same people will arrive at the opposite conclusion, citing me as evidence that the most plebeian of elements have now taken afield.

Where, there I go again, lowering property values and screwing up the demographics. But on a demographic note, I'll mention that just about all the camping enthusiasts I know are couples and/or families.

The ideal situation, which I have yet to realize, is to be of comfortable means in some beautiful stretch of the remote countryside. In this situation camping would be superfluous, since peace, quiet, and nature would already be at hand.

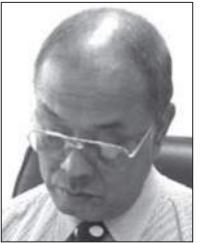
For now, though, the only thing at hand is another losing lottery ticket, which, once again, dashes my hopes of securing a peaceful life in the woods.

So maybe I will buy one of those \$1,500 tents. That's probably as close as I'll ever get to having a country estate.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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He insists that I engage our other friend in a discussion. Always open for fresh ideas, I invited Binguano for coffee at the lanai at home. I listened to my friends go at it.

Magoo asserted that the annual financial need of the NMI is upwards of \$256 million. "We collected this amount in revenues during the boom years."

"So how much are we now collecting in these 'doom' years?" asked Binguano

"It's around \$135 million per the FY 2015 budget now before the Legislature," noted Magoo.

"Has anyone done critical research to pinpoint the culprit in the huge loss of revenue streams in recent past?"

"Nah! And therein lies the very troubling aspect of the degenerative effects of revenue losses," Magoo pointed out.

Said Binguano: "If what we make is only a third of the actual needs of this government, it's obvious the domino effect is one disastrous economy that triggers financial and fiscal crises and other crises."

"For as long as we overlook the need for a comprehensive set of plans with positive policies to move the needle of growth forward, fiscal crisis would rule in perpetuity. Is it really hard bringing all the key players from both sectors to organize a set of plans with goals and objectives designed to allow the NMI to pull itself out of the current fatal economic doldrums?"

It's not hard aspiring what's good for the NMI. But do we have the resolve to do it? It's the difference between spouting off aspirations in what's known as "in stand" versus "on stand" by placing our foot forward to begin anew.

Welfare state grows as self-sufficiency declines

For the past 50 years, the government's annual poverty rate has hardly changed at all. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 15 percent of Americans still live in poverty, roughly the same rate as the mid-1960s when the War on Poverty was just starting.

After adjusting for inflation, federal and state welfare spending today is 16 times greater than it was when President Lyndon B. Johnson launched the War on Poverty. If converted into cash, current means-tested spending is five times the amount needed to eliminate all official poverty in the U.S.

How can the government spend so much while poverty remains unchanged? The answer is simple: The Census Bureau's "poverty" figures are woefully incomplete.

The Census defines a family as poor if its annual "income" falls below specific poverty income thresholds. In counting "income," the Census includes wages and salaries but excludes nearly all welfare benefits.

The federal government runs over 80 means-tested welfare programs that provide cash, food, housing, medical care and targeted social services to poor and low-income Americans. The government spent \$916 billion on these programs in 2012; roughly 100 million

Americans received aid from at least one of them, at an average cost of \$9,000 per recipient. (These figures do not include Social Security or Medicare.)

Of the \$916 billion in means-tested welfare spending in 2012, the Census counted only about 3 percent as "income" for purposes of measuring poverty. In other words, the government's official "poverty" measure is not helpful for measuring actual living conditions.

On the other hand, the Census poverty numbers do provide a very useful measure of "self-sufficiency": the ability of a family to sustain an income above the poverty threshold without welfare assistance. The Census is accurate in reporting there has been no improvement in self-sufficiency for the past 45 years.

Ironically, self-sufficiency was Johnson's original goal in launching his War on Poverty. Johnson promised his war would remove the "causes not just the consequences of poverty." He stated, "Our aim is not only to relieve the symptom of poverty, but to cure it and, above all, to prevent it."

Johnson did not intend to put more Americans on the dole. Instead, he explicitly sought to reduce the future need for welfare by making lower-income Americans productive and self-sufficient.

By this standard, the War on Poverty has been a catastrophic fail-

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ure. After spending more than \$20 trillion on Johnson's war, many Americans are less capable of self-support than when the war began.






This lack of progress is, in a major part, due to the welfare system itself. Welfare breaks down the habits and norms that lead to self-reliance, especially those of marriage and work. It thereby generates a pattern of increasing intergenerational dependence. The welfare state is self-perpetuating: By undermining productive social norms, welfare creates a need for even greater assistance in the future.

The poverty rate is better understood as self-sufficiency rate. That is, we should measure how many Americans can take care of themselves and their families. Reforms should focus on changing the incentive structure of welfare programs—to point the way toward self-sufficiency.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼79
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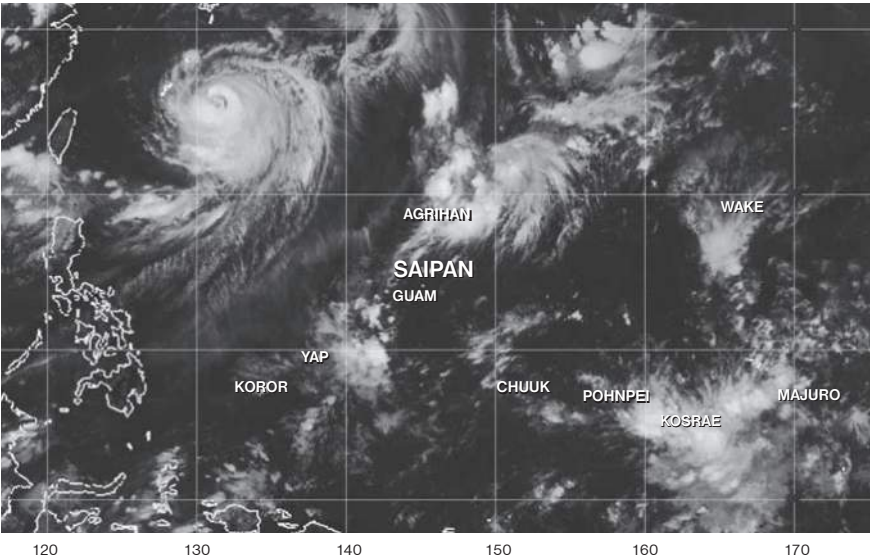
Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲57 ▼44
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲88 ▼65
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼80
Honolulu	Showers	▲86 ▼77
London	Rain	▲68 ▼57
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲64 ▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼79
New York	Sunny	▲84 ▼64
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼75
Paris	Showers	▲82 ▼63
Pusan	Showers	▲79 ▼74
Rome	Sunny	▲88 ▼69
Salem	Sunny	▲84 ▼54
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67 ▼58
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼71
Tokyo	Showers	▲90 ▼77
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲88 ▼68

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
5:08 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
12:36 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.3 Feet
7:36 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Halong (11W) is centered 250 miles east-southeast of Okinawa at 25N132E moving toward the north at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are north of 18N from 130E to 138E. For more information on Typhoon Halong, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. Convergent east winds well south of Koror are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between the equator and 2N from 132E to 136E. A weak circulation centered at about 10N145E and an associated trough are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between Guam and Yap within 75 miles of a line that curves from 8N143E to 12N140E to 15N141E. A surface trough is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms around Minami Tori Shima within 200 miles of a line from 16N144E to 25N155E. Another surface trough is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Wake Island between 14N and 18N from 165E to 167E. A weak circulation centered near Majuro at 7N171E and convergent west winds east of the circulation are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between the equator and 8N from 160E to 175E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:01 AM	6:44 PM
Saturday	6:01 AM	6:44 PM
Sunday	6:01 AM	6:43 PM
Monday	6:02 AM	6:43 PM
Tuesday	6:02 AM	6:42 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:14 PM	2:59 AM
Saturday	5:12 PM	4:01 AM
Sunday	6:08 PM	5:05 AM
Monday	7:01 PM	6:09 AM
Tuesday	7:52 PM	7:11 AM

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UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 5, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU7076	4:15am	6:50am	2, 6	MU7075	9:00pm	3:15am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7	MU763A	7:25pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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DL287/473	6:05am	9:45pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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				UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
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UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Selling your grandkids' future

The four smiling faces on the front page of the *Saipan Tribune* yesterday should be cut out, framed, and hung on every wall in every house because the governor and four Lottery Commission members have made a deal that binds the CNMI for 40 years—yes, 40 years—to Best Sunshine. This should piss you off but apparently no one realizes that these five people have bound your grandkids' future and there is nothing you seem to want to do about it. PSS has really done a job on all of you. Dumbed you down 'til you can't comprehend or understand simple things anymore, destroyed your curiosity, and sapped your creativity. These five nincompoops gave away the store and you didn't get anything for it. Not even a timetable for construction, a design, a plan or a real proposal of what they are going to do.

I say again, if the CNMI could support a \$2-billion resort, MGM, the Venitian and Wynn's would be here bidding. The fact that the Lottery Commission only reached out to the two consulting groups, both that gave glowing reviews to BS, should have alerted you that something was stinko about this "deal." You, the citizens of the CNMI, let five people determine the next 40 years of the CNMI's future and, I doubt if even one of them knows squat about gambling, gaming, resorts, or the crooks that come with it. They look too young to remember what poker machines did to the community 30 years ago. Too bad for them. Too bad for the CNMI.

Democratic Party of the CNMI, you got some problems

I got your 2014 platform booklet and it is very much like the GOP's and the two independents platforms. All of you are going to do this and that for "we the people." But, in your eight-page fold-

out brochure with the picture of the candidates on it, wow, this is something entirely different. This looks like something Hitler used to put out. Substitute Chamorro for Aryan and there you have it. It is seven full pages of "what about us" [Chamorros]? Even though you specify Chamorro, Carolinian, and fellow citizens 14 times in the brochure, you really are talking about Chamorros. I urge everyone to read it.

You don't need laws to protect culture and traditions; you can do this in your house. Of the 39 items listed in this "manifesto," at least 14 of them only benefit NMDs. I'm not a lawyer but isn't that against the law of the United States? No wonder over half of the population has fled to greener pastures.

You say in the brochure you "would rather lose an election by being true and honest to ourselves, than pretend we are any other than who we really are—hereditary native Chamorro and Carolinian." You really do not mean Carolinians, and you purposely exclude all the Filipinos, Japanese, Palauans, Yapese, Pohnpeians, Marshallese, haoles, Korean, Chinese, and any and all other NMDs in the CNMI. You central executive committee members that signed the 2014 Democratic Party platform, did you even read this brochure? It is racist, bigoted, and totally biased and it makes all of you look like you would support marginalizing all non-hereditary natives in their own country. It makes me wonder if this isn't the true feelings of many "hereditary native Chamorros," even though my friends tell me no, it's just a small minority. On the plus side, though, you are the only team running that said thank you in Chamorro, Carolinian, English and Tagalog.

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Nominations sought for Governor's Humanities Awards

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Governor's Humanities Awards.

This event, held annually in October as a part of CNMI Humanities Month, recognizes outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community.

Nominees should have a notable humanities achievement in the past year, as demonstrated in any of the following four categories: Research and Publication in the Humanities; Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices; Preservation of CNMI History; and Outstanding Humanities Teacher (in both classroom

and non-classroom settings).

A fifth category, Lifetime Achievement, recognizes significant contributions to the humanities over multiple decades. This award may be given posthumously.

The 2013 awardees included Dr. Kurt Barnes, Research and Publication in the Humanities; Rosanna P. Barcinas, Preserva-

tion of CNMI History; Donald B. Mendiola and Bryan Manabat, Outstanding Humanities Teachers; and Professor Marjorie Driver, Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities.

Nomination forms and instructions are available at the Council's office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai, or on the council website at

www.nmihumanities.org.

Nominations may be made by any member of the general public and are due no later than 4:30pm on Friday, Oct. 10.

Awards will be presented during a special ceremony to be held in late October.

For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785. (NMI Humanities)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CCA board meeting on Aug. 19

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more

information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

Military exercises on FDM, at W-517

The U.S. military will be conducting exercises on Farallon de Mendenilla and Area W-517 south of Guam. The schedule dates and time are as follows:

- Aug. 9, 7am-2pm, FDM
- Aug. 11, 1pm-09pm, FDM
- Aug. 13, 11am-11:55pm, FDM
- Aug. 14, 11am-06pm, FDM
- Aug. 15, 9am-11:55pm, FDM
- Aug. 13, 9am - 05pm, W-517

The general location of this activity will be at Farallon de

Mendilla on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants and Area W-517, an irregular polygon south of Guam comprising southwest into international waters.

Due to the danger imposed by this activity, the general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are strongly ad-

vised to stay away from these areas during the time and dates indicated. (PR)

Survivors and caregivers support meeting

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014, starting at 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

'Accounting for non-accountants' seminar

The Marianas Institute of Filipino CPA's and Accountants will be holding a seminar called "Accounting for Non-Accountants." This seminar is designed for professionals, small business owners, non-profit organizations and all those wanting to move ahead in their careers. Discussions will focus on topics from the Accounting Cycle to the Financial Statements. Learn accounting the simplified, fast, and easy way. The seminar will be conducted by MIFICPA officer Eloisa Agustin on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, from 1pm to 5pm at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Registration starts at 12pm. (Mificpa)

Marpi to be blocked off on Aug. 29

The Department of Public Safety will be blocking off the northern part of the island, from Marpi north, on Aug. 29, 2014, from about 12pm to 3pm. The purpose of this blockage is to dispose of a large collection of unexploded ordnance that has been collected by the Department of Public Safety Explosive Response Team. We are requesting all visitors to these popular areas of the island make arrangements to visit either in the morning before the 12pm deadline or after the operation has completed at 3pm. (DPS)

MHS student orientation schedule

- Friday, Aug. 22: Incoming Sophomores and Juniors, 9:30am-11am, School Gym
- Friday, Aug. 22: Incoming Seniors, 1pm-2:30pm, School Gym
- Tuesday, Aug. 26: Incoming Freshmen, 9:30am-11:30am, School Gym.

Please bring an updated student insurance and health certificate. (PR)

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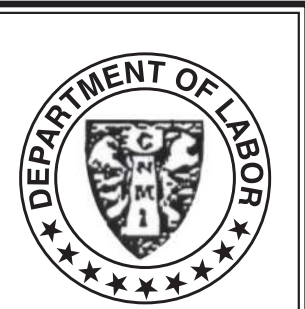

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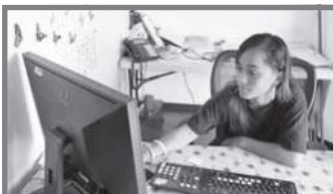

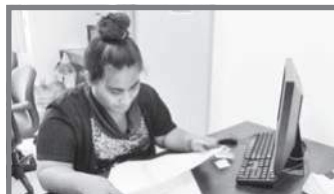








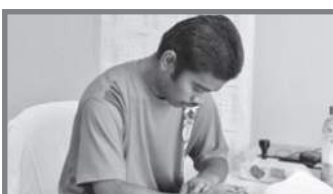

















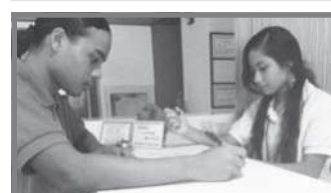

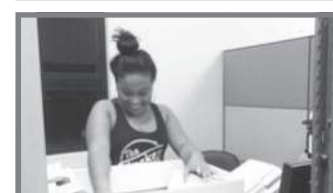
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Abuse charges for parents in Guam hot car death

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Parents of a 3-month-old boy who died after sitting for hours in a hot car outside their Guam home have been charged with child abuse.

The *Pacific Daily News* reports the couple were arrested on allegations of negligent homicide. But prosecutors charged them Tuesday with child abuse

and leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle. Both charges are third-degree felonies.

A spokeswoman for the attorney general's office says the charges must still be brought to a grand jury and could be changed.

According to court documents, Shawn Travis Llagas Cruz, 28, and Victoria Quidachay Siaotong, 24, returned

to their Yigo home midday Saturday after running errands with their four children. Both assumed someone else had taken the infant out of the car.

About 2:30pm, they realized the child wasn't in the house and found him in the car.

Court documents said the baby had suffered burns and was foaming at the mouth and

whimpering when found. He was breathing and had a pulse.

"Shawn concluded the infant was going to be OK so he did not call 911 nor did they take the infant to the hospital," court documents said.

Fifteen minutes later, the baby stopped breathing, prosecutors said. The father called emergency services, which arrived

on the scene at about 3:17pm.

The boy was pronounced dead less than half an hour later.

Judge Alberto Tolentino ordered that the parents stay away from their other children, who

are in the custody of Child Protective Services.

Prosecutors must obtain an indictment within 20 days of the hearing before the couple can be arraigned and enter pleas.

Guam senators raise concerns with United Airlines

Guam Sen. Brant McCreadie, joined by Sens. Tony Ada, Aline Yamashita, Tommy Morrison, Chris Duenas, Dennis Rodriguez and Tina Rose Muña Barnes, sent a letter to United Airlines regarding the recent string of mechanical errors suffered by their aircraft that service Guam.

"The people of Guam are rightfully concerned with the mechanical issues that have been faced by United Airlines," said McCreadie. "My colleagues and I want to ensure that United Airlines is aware of how important an issue this is to the people of Guam."

The senators are asking that

United address the cause of the mechanical issues with the overall goal to replace the aircraft to ensure that the lives and the livelihoods of the people of Guam are not affected.

"United Airlines has been an important part of our island community for decades, and I remain confident in the airline

and its employees. However, my colleagues and me echo the people of Guam's desire that measures be taken to ensure that these mechanical issues do not worsen. We respectfully request that United Airlines take corrective measures to ensure the safety of our people," said McCreadie. *(PR)*

Civil Service works to educate govt workers of their rights, obligations

The Civil Service Commission, in its commitment to provide representation and assistance to the government's civil service employees, has initiated an information program to ensure that employees are aware of their rights and obligations as government employees. To provide both employees and management with information regarding their rights and obligations, the Civil Service Commission will be issuing a series of bulletins covering a range of topics related to the Civil Service personnel regulations and other employment issues.

To date, the commission has issued three bulletins to the government's civil service employees and their managers:

■ **CSC Bulletin 14-01: Political Coercion Will Not Be Tolerated.** Re: prohibition of the use of official authority or influence to coerce government employees for political purposes

■ **CSC Bulletin 14-02: Public Service System Rules & Regulations (PSSR&R).** Re: content and importance of the Civil Service personnel regulations

■ **CSC Bulletin 14-03: Performance Evaluations (NMIAC §10-20.2 Part 700).** Re: the importance of the annual performance evaluation as a key component of the government's personnel management system

Bulletins will continue to be issued on a periodic basis on

topics determined by the commission to be of value to government employees.

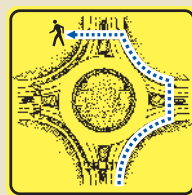
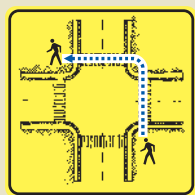
According to Herman "HR" Deleon Guerrero, chairman of the Civil Service Commission: "The commission feels strongly that government employees must be knowledgeable of their civil service rights that are provided by the regulations and also what is expected of them as representatives of the CNMI government. The commission sees part of their role as providing employees with guidance and access to this information. We also see a need to provide this information to government managers to help them better perform their responsibilities to their employees and their department or activity."

Deleon Guerrero encourages all government employees, both Civil Service and Excepted Service, to be aware of their rights and obligations. The commission will continue to work to provide clarification and guidance. The chairman also emphasized that the commission and the Office of Personnel Management will work to ensure that they represent and serve the Commonwealth government and its employees.

Employees who have not read these bulletins can obtain copies from their administrative offices or from the Office of Personnel Management. *(CSC)*

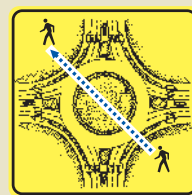
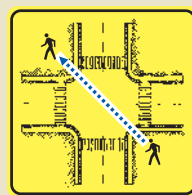
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🚲 **Sidewalks were designed for pedestrians. If you bicycle on the sidewalk:**

- ➡ **Bicycle slowly and give pedestrians the right of way.**
- ➡ **Don't bike into Grandma or baby brother in his stroller.**
- ➡ **Follow the rules for pedestrians.**

- ➡ Stop before crossing the street from a sidewalk to give motorists time to see you.
- ➡ Make sure turning motorists see you by making eye contact.
- ➡ Cross the road by walking your bicycle in the crosswalk just like a pedestrian.

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- 2 Always walk on the sidewalk if one is available.
- 3 If no sidewalk is available, walk facing the traffic.
- 4 The safest place to cross is at a street corner or intersection.
- 5 If you are 10 years old or younger, you need to cross the street with an adult. You should not cross by yourself. Ask an adult to tell you who can help you cross the street.
- 6 Before you step off the curb to cross the street, stop and look left-right-left to see if cars are coming. Do you know your left from your right? If you do, that is great! If you don't, here is a hint: when you hold your left hand up, your thumb and first finger will make the letter "L," and that stands for "left."
- 7 When no cars are coming, it is safe for you and an adult to cross. But look left-right-left as you do it, and hold the adult's hand.

🚲 **By Riding Your Bicycle**

- 1 The best and smartest bicycle riders always wear their bicycle helmets! They know that bicycle helmets will keep their heads and brains safe. Are you one of the best and smartest riders?
- 2 Ask an adult to make sure that your helmet fits correctly. The helmet should fit low on your forehead so that two fingers fit between it and your eyebrows. Another way to check is to put the helmet on your head and look up. If you can't see your helmet, it is too far back.
- 3 To ride safely, you need to know the rules of the road. Do you know what "the rules of the road" are for bicyclists? If you don't, then you should not ride in traffic or without an adult.
- 4 When you ride your bicycle, wearing a helmet helps to keep you safe. You should also wear bright colors during the day, and right before the sun rises or sets. This makes it easier for drivers to see you, and that helps to keep you safe, too.

EVERYONE IS A PEDESTRIAN!

Whenever you are not in your vehicle, you are a pedestrian!



WHEN YOU ARE WALKING



- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible. This is where drivers expect pedestrians.
 - Look for cars in all directions — including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely, and continue to watch for traffic as you cross.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach you to make sure you are seen.
- Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and judgment too.



WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING



- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times. Safety is a shared responsibility.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or in bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street.
- Follow slower speed limits in school zones and in neighborhoods where there are children present.
- Be extra cautious when backing up — pedestrians can move into your path.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA

- I. **Preliminary Matters**
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of the Minutes – June 30-July 1, 2014 Meeting
 - E. Correspondence
- II. **Public Comments***
- III. **Presentation on Integrated Resource Plan by Leidos Engineering, LLC**
- IV. **Management Reports**
 - A. Update on Bylaws
 - B. Update Reports on Other Pending Action Items
- V. **Executive Session****
- VI. **Contract Reviews**
- VII. **Board Reports**
 - A. Status Report - Personnel Committee
 - B. Status Report - Customer Service Committee
- VIII. **Miscellaneous/Administrative Matters**
- IX. **Adjournment**

* Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.

** Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

4 nations take part in anti-submarine war games in Guam

YIGO, Guam—Military forces from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and the United States are partnering in a multinational anti-submarine warfare exercise around the waters of Guam aimed at increasing the interoperability capacity between these nations operating in the Pacific, from Aug. 9 to 15.

The exercise will include multiple aircraft and subsurface assets from the Japan Maritime

Self-Defense Force, the Royal Australian Air Force and U.S. and observers from the Royal New Zealand Air Force who will collaborate to strengthen personal relationships between these countries.

“The biggest take away is building experiences together and operating away from our home bases in an expeditionary style,” said Lt. Jon Torbett, attached to Task Force 72 and

the U.S. action officer for GUAMEX 2014.” We don’t often get a chance to all operate together and the end goal of this exercise is to be able to perform anti-submarine operations.”

GUAMEX 2014 will include approximately 25 operational scenarios, several aircraft familiarization tours, and social gatherings designed to increase these regional partnerships. **(PR)**



U.S. NAVY/TIMOTHY WILSON

Left, Lt. Jon Torbett, attached to Task Force 72 and the U.S. action officer for GUAMEX 2014, greets members from the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force next to a U.S. Navy P-3 Orion surveillance aircraft aboard Andersen Air Force Base Aug. 6. The tour is a part of GUAMEX 2014, a multinational anti-submarine warfare exercise around the waters of Guam aimed at increasing the interoperability capacity between these nations that operate in the Pacific.



U.S. NAVY/TIMOTHY WILSON
Members of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force examine a U.S. Navy P-3 Orion surveillance aircraft aboard Andersen Air Force Base on Aug. 6.



U.S. NAVY/TIMOTHY WILSON

Members of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force discuss the capability of the U.S. Navy P-3 Orion surveillance aircraft with a U.S. Navy officer aboard Andersen Air Force Base on Aug. 6.

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34th HPO and NPS consultation meetings in Guam

Pacific Island Historic Preservation officers from the CNMI, Guam, Micronesia, and American Samoa attended the 34th Annual National Park Service and Pacific Island Historic Preservation Offices Consultation Meeting in Guam from July 17 to 26.

The Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation was created 33 years ago as a non-profit organization by Historic Preservation officers throughout Micronesia with an emphasis on creating sustainable programs to ensure the protection and preservation of historic resources in Micronesia. It was also intended to support cultural resource activities beyond the funding provided by the National Park Service to each HPO office.

The National Park Service, the grantor agency, mandates

Historic Preservation Offices within Micronesia and the three territories of Saipan, Guam, and American Samoa to participate in the annual meetings and present their program status reports, activities, and special projects. NPS officials, Hank Florence, the program lead for Cultural Partnership Programs, and Paula Creech, the grant management specialist, chaired the meetings. The Guam Historic Preservation Office, Department of Parks and Recreation, hosted the event. (PR)

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Historic Preservation officers and National Park Service officials have their picture taken at the 34th Annual National Park Service & Pacific Island Historic Preservation Offices Consultation Meeting in Guam.



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Vanessa B. Deleon Guerrero

Human Resources Coordinator,
Pacific Islands Club Saipan

Vanessa B. Deleon Guerrero serves as Human Resources Coordinator at Pacific Islands Club (PIC) Saipan since joining the hotel in 2010. Her work includes administrative tasks, assisting employees, and planning employee activities. Prior to PIC, Deleon Guerrero worked at Hyatt Regency Saipan for nearly 10 years.

"When I was in high school, I wanted something challenging. So I said, Why don't I try working for the private sector? As a student just graduating from high school, the easiest way to get a job was at a hotel. Plus, I had some friends that had gone there for co-op education and then were hired as employees.

Being in Human Resources, there's never a dull moment. I love helping employees. I love meeting new people, and I get to meet guests from all over the world. At the end of their stay, they love Saipan, and they love to come back and stay at the hotel.

"All the sacrifices I've made are worth it...because I've come this far."

Working for the hotel industry for nearly 13 years has taught me a lot about balancing my work and personal life, managing my time, and employment growth. At first, it was difficult, because you work over the weekends and you want to spend time with your family. Yet, all the sacrifices I've made through the years being with the hotels are worth it, because I've come this far. I'm very happy with my decision."

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World

Cambodia tribunal convicts Khmer Rouge leaders

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Three and a half decades after the genocidal rule of Cambodia’s Khmer Rouge ended, a U.N.-backed war crimes tribunal on Thursday sentenced two top leaders of the former regime

to life in prison on war crimes charges for their roles during the country’s 1970s terror. The historic verdicts were announced against Khieu Samphan, the regime’s 83-year-old former head of state, and Nuon Chea, its

88-year-old chief ideologue—the only two surviving leaders of the regime left to stand trial. The tribunal’s chief judge Nil Nonn asked both men to rise for the verdicts but the frail Nuon Chea, wearing dark sunglasses,

said he was too weak to stand from his wheelchair and was allowed to remain seated. Nil Nonn said both men were guilty of “extermination encompassing murder, political persecution, and other inhumane acts comprising forced transfer, enforced disappearances and attacks against human dignity.” There was no visible reaction from either of the accused, both of whom have de-

nied wrongdoing. The rulings can be appealed, but Nil Nonn told the court that “given the gravity of the crimes” both would remain in detention. The case, covering the forced exodus of millions of people from Cambodia’s towns and cities and a mass killing, is just part of the Cambodian story. Nearly a quarter of the population—about 1.7 million people—died under rule of the

Khmer Rouge through a combination starvation, medical neglect, overwork and execution when the group held power in 1975-79. Tribunal spokesman Lars Olsen called it “a historic day for both the Cambodian people and the court. The victims have waited 35 years for legal accountability, and now that the tribunal has rendered a judgment, it is a clear milestone.”

Israel-Palestinian talks on Gaza underway in Cairo

CAIRO (AP)—Indirect Israeli-Palestinian negotiations over extending a cease-fire in the Gaza Strip and ending a blockade of the battered territory got underway in Cairo on Wednesday, with both sides taking hard-line positions and much jockeying expected ahead. Israel wants the Islamic militant Hamas to disarm, or at least ensure it cannot re-arm, before considering the group’s demand that the territory’s borders be opened. Israel and Egypt imposed a closure after the Hamas takeover of Gaza in 2007, although Egypt allows individuals to cross intermittently. “The two sides have reviewed what they consider issues of concern,” Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shukri said at a news conference, describing the matter as “complicated and not easy.” Hazem Abu Shanab, a member of Fatah, one of the main factions involved in the talks,

said disarmament would require Israel to pull out from occupied Palestinian territory. “As long as there is occupation, there will be resistance and there will be weapons,” he said. “The armament is linked to the occupation.” Egyptian mediators have been shuttling between the delegations. An Egyptian airport official said the Israelis were back in Cairo Wednesday evening after flying out earlier in the day. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief reporters. Meanwhile, in Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu defended Israel’s intense bombardment of Gaza, saying that despite the high civilian death toll it was a “justified” and “proportionate” response to Hamas attacks. Speaking to international journalists, Netanyahu presented video footage he said

showed militants firing rockets from areas near schools and Hamas deploying civilians as human shields.



Nigeria rushes to get isolation tents for Ebola

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—Nigerian authorities rushed to obtain isolation tents Wednesday in anticipation of more Ebola infections as they disclosed five more cases of the virus and a death in Africa’s most populous nation, where officials were racing to keep the gruesome disease confined to a small group of patients. The five new Nigerian cases were all in Lagos, a megacity of 21 million people in a country already beset with poor health care infrastructure and widespread corruption, and all five were reported to have had direct contact with one infected man. Meanwhile, the World Health Organization began a meeting to decide whether the

crisis, the worst recorded outbreak of its kind, amounts to an international public health emergency. At least 932 deaths in four countries have been blamed on the illness, with 1,711 reported cases. In recent years, the WHO has declared an emergency only twice, for swine flu in 2009 and polio in May. The declaration would probably come with recommendations on travel and trade restrictions and wider Ebola screening. It also would be an acknowledgment that the situation is critical and could worsen without a fast global response. The group did not immediately confirm the new cases reported in Nigeria. And Nigerian

authorities did not release any details on the latest infections, except to say they all had come into direct contact with the sick man who arrived by plane in Lagos late last month. With the death toll mounting in the region, Liberia’s president announced a state of emergency late Wednesday and said it may result in the suspension of some citizens’ rights. She lamented that fear and panic had kept many family members from sending sick relatives to isolation centers. “Ignorance and poverty, as well as entrenched religious and cultural practices, continue to exacerbate the spread of the disease,” President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf said.



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-132

Rehabilitation of the Agriculture Division Office Restroom Facility
Kagman Village, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Rehabilitation of the Agriculture Division Office Restroom Facility Kagman Village, Saipan

The project package will be available Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at the Governor’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator’s Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$50.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a **mandatory pre-bid** conference/site visit for this project on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 9:00AM ChST at the project site, Agriculture Office located in Kagman Village. Bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the project location and current condition. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST, Friday, August 15, 2014 to the CIP Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked **“ITB14-GOV-132, Rehabilitation of the Agriculture Division Office Restroom Facility Kagman Village, Saipan”**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and must be received no later than Thursday, September 4, 2014 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 AM ChST Friday, September 5, 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier’s check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: “Credit Account No. 44660”. If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Government Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-133

Renovation of the DPS Division Patrol Office
Susupe Village, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Renovation of the DPS Division Patrol Office Susupe Village, Saipan

The project package will be available Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at the Governor’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator’s Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$50.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

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There will be a **mandatory pre-bid** conference/site visit for this project on Thursday, August 14, 2014, 9:00AM ChST at the project site, Renovation of the DPS Division Patrol Office located in Susupe Village, Saipan. Bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the project location and current condition. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST, Monday, August 18, 2014 to the CIP Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked **“ITB14-GOV-133, Renovation of the DPS Division Patrol Office Susupe Village, Saipan”**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:30 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:30 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and must be received no later than Thursday, September 4, 2014 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

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- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is one hundred twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by hundred twenty (120) calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

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Science & Technology

Samsung, Apple agree to drop lawsuits outside United States

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Samsung and Apple Inc. have agreed to end all patent lawsuits between each other outside the U.S. in a step back from three years of legal hostilities between the world's two largest smartphone makers.

However, Samsung Electronics Co. said Wednesday that it and Apple will continue to pursue existing cases in U.S. courts. The two companies did not strike any cross-licensing deal.

"Samsung and Apple have agreed to drop all litigation between the two companies outside the United States," the South Korean company said in a statement. "This agreement does not involve any licensing arrangements, and the companies are continuing to pursue the

existing cases in U.S. courts."

The announcement is a significant lessening of corporate hostilities after years of bitter patent disputes over the intellectual property rights for mobile designs and technology. The legal fights spanned about a dozen countries in Asia, North America and Europe.

Lawsuits and other legal actions by Samsung and Apple will come to an end in countries including Germany, England, France, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, South Korea, Japan and Australia.

The patent cases in the U.S. have come with bigger awards for damages than other countries. In May, a California jury awarded Apple \$119 million in a patent battle with Samsung.

TECH Q&A

Saving the world from spam

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I've recently received hundreds of spam (junk email) messages. I use my email program to mark them as spam, then delete them. But I just get more spam in a few hours. What happens when I report these messages as spam, and is it worth doing?

A: You're always going to get some spam, because it's impossible for any email provider to detect and block all of the junk email that floods the Internet every day. But reporting spam to your email provider can help reduce the volume of junk email.

Why? Your email service provider uses spam reports to improve its blocking software, which searches for key words and other patterns to identify spam. Over time, this can reduce the amount of spam that you and others receive.

In addition, reporting spam can help your email provider identify where much of the spam is coming from on any given day. Typically the source is another legitimate email provider that has been lax in rooting out the spammers who use its system. Your email provider may temporarily block all messages from the offending provider to prompt them to go after the spammers. Unfortunately, this is only a temporary solution because spammers quickly move on to new e-mail addresses in other email systems.

So spam-blocking is an imperfect science. But by reporting spam, you're helping to improve it.

Q: I do many things using

the Microsoft Paint program that is part of Windows. But my eyesight is not what it used to be. Is there a way to change the color of the Paint cursor to make it easier to see?

A: There's no simple way to create a custom cursor specifically for Microsoft Paint. An alternative approach is to make the existing cursor larger using an accessory program called Magnifier that is included in Windows Vista, Windows 7 and Windows 8. (It's also in Windows XP, but you shouldn't be using that anymore because Microsoft has discontinued security updates for it.)

In Windows Vista and Windows 7, Magnifier can be found by going to Start, choosing Control Panel from the menu on the right and choosing "Ease of Access Center." (For Windows 8, see tinyurl.com/9q8zpd.) In the resulting menu, click "Start Magnifier." A magnifying glass icon appears in the toolbar at the bottom of your screen.

Now start Microsoft Paint, and a magnifying glass will appear to be hovering over it. Click the magnifying glass, and on the resulting menu click the "plus" sign. This will make your Paint screen so large that you can't see the work area, but you can move your cursor to the left and up to get back there. You'll see that the Paint cursor is now twice as large.

To go back to normal screen size, click the magnifying glass and in the resulting menu click the minus sign. To close the Magnifier

Steve Alexander covers technology for the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

Vigilance is needed to keep your phone's battery charged

We've all been in a situation where it's getting late in the day, and you glance at the battery level on your phone and realize your phone's going to die soon.

So how can you keep the power on?

It takes some forethought.

First is to put your phone on the charger when you go to bed.

You always want to walk out of your house in the morning with a 100 percent charge.

I have an iHome clock radio on my nightstand that has a dock for my phone. The last thing I do before bed is make sure the phone is in the dock.

My car has a phone mount

that has a charging cable so I can charge the phone as I drive. I don't need to do this in the morning, but I make it a habit to put the phone in the mount whenever I'm driving, whether I plug in the charger or not.

The mount enables me to see maps or glance at who's calling before I answer with my Bluetooth audio system.

So if I have a lunch meeting, I'll plug in to get even a 10 percent to 20 percent boost on the way to lunch.

I keep a phone dock on my desk at work, and I try to keep the phone in the dock when I'm at my desk.

So basically my phone has a charger available 24 hours a day, but I realize not everyone is like me.

If you're not in your car or your office, you have to provide your own power.

If you regularly run down your phone's battery during the day, there are two items you should buy.

The first is an external battery. I've seen external batteries in all sizes and shapes. Some are as small as a lipstick and some are as large as a paperback book.

They are rechargeable and are charged up with a USB ca-

ble or wall plug. The bigger the battery, the more power it will provide. Larger ones can charge your phone four or more times. Smaller ones might just let you get half a charge.

Of course, you'll need the right cable with the battery.

The second item you should buy is a battery case for your phone. The case has an extra battery inside that you turn on when your phone needs a charge.

If you can't get a battery case for your phone, buy an external battery and keep it handy. Hopefully, you won't run out of juice again. **(Jim Rossman)**

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†Vicente "Ben" Aldan Sanchez

Date of Birth: March 03, 1951

Called to his Eternal Rest on August 03, 2014

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Father: †Justo Lewis Sanchez
Mother: †Teresita Crisostimo Aldan
Brothers: †Vicente Elameto Sanchez
†Joaquin Aldan Sanchez
Father-in-law: †Augustine B. Gaza

His Memories Will Forever Live in the Hearts of His:

Wife: Marichu Gaza Sanchez also known as "Anning"
Mother-in-law: Concepcion R. Gaza
Children: Ana Vicelle S./Mark Anthony T. Tesero
(Mayvian, Mayvaleen, Mathan, Mathea & Mark Jr.)
Theresa Ruth S./Peterkin F. Tababa
(Kepina, Kevina & Seth "Peter Boy")
Alberta Doreen S./Omar T. Tesero
(Jackilynn & Jha'annie)
Angelo G. Sanchez
Vicenta Christine G. Sanchez/Rolly Bermiso
(Christian)
Vincent John G. Sanchez
Rodalene Carmen G. Sanchez (Joanna-re)
Frank Anthony G. Sanchez
Bernadita S. and Gregorio Cruz & Children
†Vicente Elameto Sanchez
Lucio C. Aldan and Connie & Children
†Joaquin A. Sanchez / Michaela & Children
Francisca S. and †Vicente S. Castro & Children
Carmen A. Sanchez & Children
Leon A. Sanchez and Erlinda & Children
Justo A. Sanchez and Clara & Children
Veronica S. and George Cabrera & Children
Manuela S. and William Reyes & Children
Elena A. Cruz and A. Jahir & Children
Ruth Ann A. Sanchez and Mark Salas & Children
Francisco A. Sanchez & Children

Siblings:

He will be also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, in-laws, nieces, nephews, and many more relatives and friends.

Daily mass is offered at St. Jude at 6:00p.m. & on Sunday, August 8, 2014 at 6:00a.m.

On Monday, August 11, 2014, viewing and last respects will be held at CHCC Chapel from 7:00a.m. to 9:00a.m. At 9:30a.m., his remains will then be escorted to Kristo Rai Church, followed by interment at Tanapag Cemetery.

Your Thoughts, Prayers, and Presence are Greatly Appreciated

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Life & Style

Prize-winning poet still at work at age 86

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP NATIONAL WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—He is 86 years old, his eyesight is failing and much of his recent work reads like a man saying goodbye. But W.S. Merwin continues to write poems; he cannot help himself. “I wrote the last one about 10 days ago, it doesn’t stop, and I don’t know where it comes from,” says Merwin, a two-time

Pulitzer Prize winner and former U.S. poet laureate widely regarded as among the greatest poets of the past half-century. “I remember, just over a year ago, after several readings and two red-eye flights, I was absolutely exhausted. But in the middle of the night, I woke up with a line and a half of poetry to write.” Speaking by phone from his house on the island of Maui in Hawaii, Merwin said he hopes to finish at least another book,

health permitting, and also discussed his latest collection, “The Moon Before Morning.” Like his Pulitzer Prize winner from 2008 “The Shadow of Sirius,” its themes are age, time and memory. Phrases such as “this unrepeatable present,” “the current music of vanishing” and “the long-gone night pasture” can be found throughout. In “Relics,” he writes of his affinity for worlds that have disappeared.

*Before I knew words for it
I loved what was obsolete
crumpled at the foot of the closet
lost in the street
left out in the rain
in its wet story
from another age*

“I think I’ve seen so many things in my lifetime just as they were vanishing, and sometimes I realized it was happening and sometimes I didn’t,” Merwin says. “I remember one wonderful period of late summer and autumn into winter, way up in the mountains of northern Portugal, an area that really had not changed since the Romans. So this was very, very ancient in so many ways—the architecture, the way of farming. I was just hugging myself. It was wonderful.” Born in New York City and raised in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, Merwin is a Presbyterian minister’s son whose earliest memories of language include writing out the sermons of his father. He was composing his own verse while still a boy and was class poet at Princeton University. His first collection, “A Mask for Janus,” won the Yale Young-



AP
In this Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011, file photo, U.S. poet laureate W.S. Merwin speaks to the Hawaii Conservation Conference in Honolulu.

er Poets prize in 1951, and by the end of the decade, his friends and acquaintances included Ezra Pound, T.S. Eliot, Sylvia Plath and Robert Lowell. His style and subject matter would change profoundly, from the classical influences of his early poems to the anti-war themes of the 1960s to the more condensed and philosophical verse of recent years, influenced by his immersion in Buddhism. Throughout, he has been a man of peace—he was a conscientious objector during World War II—a recorder of the past, a believer in nature and a skeptic of humankind. At his Princeton graduation, he read a commencement poem that mourned those who had died in war and explained to the graduation

committee that he had “little optimism” about the future. “I think what we’ve been doing to the Earth, especially since the dawn of the machine age, is so appalling that I don’t know (if) we can turn it back,” he says during his interview. The poem “No Flag” scorns the pursuit of earthly glory, noting that after “the speeches the medals the fame” comes the “unmapped cold of death.” But some of the poems in “Moon Before Morning” are statements of gratitude, like “Variation on a Theme,” a procession of “thank yous” for everything from friendship and language to the parts of his body and his windows “above the rivers.” Work these days can be a struggle for Merwin in part because he writes in longhand (“The computer and I are not

friends,” he explains) and has to make the letters large in order to read them. Still, the pictures are clear in his mind and words themselves make him hopeful. “I do not have to see/in order to believe,” he writes in “The Color They Come To,” from his new collection. “I know that the flame tree is flowering/when I see petals at my feet.” “I think of one of my greatest heroes, (William Butler) Yeats,” Merwin said. “He wrote at length—although nothing of Yeats is too long—about old age. He came to it with real anger, as though it was an outrage.” “I think of old age as being a time like the others. It has its revelations of its own that you can’t come to any other way. I don’t have any of those feelings Yeats had at all. I accept it with a certain amount of curiosity.”

Helen Mirren to bring ‘The Audience’ to Broadway

NEW YORK (AP)—Broadway, prepare for the arrival of a queen—Helen Mirren is bringing “The Audience” to New York City. Producers of Peter Morgan’s play said Wednesday that Mirren will return to Broadway this spring as Elizabeth II



Mirren

in the work that wowed London audiences and earned the actress an Olivier Award. “The Audience” imagines the private weekly meetings be-

tween the monarch and Britain’s prime ministers—12 in all—over her six-decade reign. In the play, the queen grows from a tentative 20-something to wise octogenarian while retaining a core of solitude. Previews in New York start Feb. 17 and it will run through June at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre, directed by two-time Tony Award winner Stephen Daldry.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, IGNACIO LAIROPI OLOAPI Deceased.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0126-CV NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE
DECEDENT OR OF HER ESTATE.

You are hereby notified that on August 19, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Superior Court for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Courtroom 223A, Tarsicio K. Oloapi, by and through his attorney, Jesus C. Borja, will petition the above court for an order directing him, as Administrator, to proceed with the probate of the Estate of Ignacio Lairopi Oloapi, deceased, and for all other proper orders. All interested parties should appear at this hearing.

All persons having claims against the deceased, or her estate, are hereby required to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this notice, or the claim will be barred pursuant to Rule 11, Commonwealth Rules of Probate Procedure.

A copy of your claim should also be sent to the law office of Jesus C. Borja at the address below:

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Dated this 13th day of June, 2014

/s/ Kristy N.R. Diaz
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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR
ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES**

**FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAY "B"
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-14**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the repair of Taxiway "B" at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, August 1, 2014, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island – (25 points);
2. A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – (25 points);
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA and AIP grants – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, AUGUST 22, 2014**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:

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Commonwealth Ports Authority
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/s/ JOSE R. LIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: July 14, 2014

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**PROCUREMENT, DELIVERY, & INSTALLATION
OF A DUPLEX BOOSTER PUMP SYSTEM**

**INVITATION FOR BID
CPA-IFB -002-14**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting bids for the procurement, delivery, & installation of a duplex booster pump system for its ARFF Station.

The bid package is available beginning July 25, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package: "Procurement, Delivery, & Installation of a duplex booster pump system-CPA-IFB-002-14." One (1) original and two (2) copies of the bid must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, August 22, 2014, at the Office of the Executive Director, Saipan International Airport.

Bidders are requested to visit the existing Booster Pump Site at the ARFF Station to familiarize themselves of the required work to be performed by calling Bill Camacho at telephone number 237-6557.

Bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all bids if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director

CTSI Logistics is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Specialized Truck Driver
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Must have at least 3 years experience in hauling petroleum products with the corresponding SMITHS & STOPS training certification, carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazardous materials and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

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A pre-employment drug testing will be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should submit resume / application to CTSI Logistics, Lower Base not later than August 15, 2014.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

Rurouni Kenshin: Kyoto Inferno stars in Manila

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Japanese lead actor Takeru Satoh of the hit action movie “Rurouni Kenshin: Kyoto Inferno,” and other cast members have graced the film’s Asian premiere in Manila, where the first “Rurouni Kenshin” shown last year reportedly broke the record for a Japanese movie in the Philippines.

Filipino fans loudly cheered Satoh, who plays a legendary assassin turned conflicted hero Kenshin Himura during Japan’s Meiji era, actress Emi Takei, actor Munetaka Aoki and director Keishi Otomo, at their red carpet arrivals before the screening at

SM Megamall Wednesday night.

They chanted “Takeru, Takeru” and “Sano, Sano.” Sano is Munetaka’s character Sano-suke, Kenshin’s street fighter friend. The audience wildly applauded when the actors greeted them in Tagalog.

The fast-action film by Warner Bros. Japan starts its regular cinema run in the country on Aug. 20. It is the first of a two-part finale of the franchise based on the hit Japanese comic, or manga, also called Rurouni Kenshin.

“We all put our lives on the line here, our spirit is in this movie, so we really hope that you can support us, support the

movie,” Satoh, in an all-black suit, said to shrieks from the fans.

He said he practiced for three months prior to shooting his intense sword-fighting scenes.

Takei said it was the first time she had attended a premiere of one of her movies outside Japan and thanked the fans for their warm welcome.

The action and drama film about the once-feared swordsman during the turbulent fall of Japan’s Shogunate in the 19th century who adopted a peaceful life after the arrival of Japan’s “new age” has captivated fans in the Philippines and other parts of Asia.



Cast members from the Japanese film “Rurouni Kenshin”, from left, Takeru Satoh, Emi Takei and Munetaka Aoki, wave to the crowd prior to the premiere screening of the Japanese film “Rurouni Kenshin” at a mall cinema, in Mandaluyong city, east of Manila, Philippines Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014.

Younger sister of Martha Stewart dies of aneurysm

NORWALK, Conn. (AP)—Martha Stewart says her younger sister, Laura Kostyra Plimpton, has died in a Connecticut hospital of a brain aneurysm. She was 59.

The home decorating business executive says on her website that Plimpton sudden-

ly fell ill Monday morning and was taken to Norwalk Hospital. She died Wednesday.

Stewart said her sister, the youngest of the six siblings, worked for her and her company for more than 25 years. She edited, researched, wrote and photographed content for

Stewart’s blog and other publications.

Stewart said her sister was kept on life support for her children to say goodbye and to test for organ donations.

Plimpton is survived by her husband, Randy, three children and two sons-in-law.

Rascal Flatts cancels 3 shows due to illness

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Singer Gary LeVox has lost his voice, forcing Rascal Flatts to cancel three shows in the Pacific Northwest this week.

The country band issued a news release Wednesday announcing dates had been canceled in Nampa, Idaho; Airway Heights, Washington; and Mission, British Columbia, Canada, where they were set to appear at the Rockin’ River Music Festival.

Flatts member Jay DeMarcus, LeVox’s cousin, says the singer lost his voice due to a combination of heavy touring and media appearance schedules.

DeMarcus says the band promises to return to the area soon. Ticket refund information is available from point of purchase.



This April 6, 2014 file photo shows from left, Jay DeMarcus, Gary LeVox and Joe Don Rooney, of the musical group Rascal Flatts, at the 49th annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas.

U.K. ‘X Factor’ coming to US on AXS TV channel

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The British edition of “The X Factor” is coming to U.S. television.

Music entertainment cable channel AXS TV said Wednesday it will begin airing the singing contest’s 11th season on Labor Day weekend.

“X Factor” creator Simon Cowell is on the judging panel,

which includes ex-Spice Girl Mel B and pop singer Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, formerly known as Cheryl Cole.

“The X Factor” is a hit in Britain and a success internationally, with the format produced in 48 TV markets.

The U.S. version was an exception: Fox’s “The X Factor”

was canceled after three seasons because of disappointing ratings. Even Cowell’s popularity from “American Idol” didn’t help.

Britain’s “X Factor” debuts Aug. 31 on AXS TV, airing at 8 p.m. EDT on Sunday and Monday and following its U.K. broadcasts by a day.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Boone Isaacs re-elected president of film academy

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Recognized as a trailblazer during her first term as film academy president, marketing executive Cheryl Boone Isaacs has been re-elected for another year. Film academy governors elected new officers late Tuesday. Boone Isaacs is the first black female president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, and only the third woman to serve as president in the organization’s 87-year history. Academy officers may serve up to four

consecutive one-year terms. Boone Isaacs was inducted into the NAACP’s Hall of Fame and received Essence magazine’s Trailblazer award this year. She has been an academy member for 22 years.

Ron Howard offers filmmaking tips in Tribeca video

NEW YORK (AP)—Ron Howard is letting aspiring filmmakers in on his secrets—and into his hotel room—in a video released by New York’s Tribeca Film Festival. The 60-year-old Oscar winner stars in “Leading by Example,” a digital short

released in conjunction with the festival’s call for submissions Wednesday. Howard first appears in pajamas in the four-minute video, inviting the camera into his hotel suite. His first tip? “Salt baths keep your skin baby-soft for decades.” While wearing a robe, Howard sketches out a mathematical formula for directing that he developed during “A Beautiful Mind.” Finally dressed, he prepares for the challenge of filmmaking by intentionally putting rocks in his shoes to “maintain a steady baseline of discomfort.” The Tribeca Film Festival is set for April 15-26, 2015.

Woman treats friend’s kitchen like an all-you-can eat buffet

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who will help herself to anything in my fridge, pantry, etc. without asking. She also will eat most if not all food that’s meant to be shared, such as appetizers and snacks at a social gathering. Once she literally polished off an entire plate of appetizers before my guests arrived and I had nothing to feed them.

After she finishes the food, she often says, “Oh, I was starving!” I find myself hiding food from her when she comes over, or delaying putting treats out for guests until later in the party.

The most recent episode was when I was preparing food for my toddler. While it was cooling on the counter, she helped herself to all of it. She told me afterward she had consumed it.

So you see—nothing is safe, not even a child’s meal. Abby, how can I tell her what she’s doing is wrong and rude?

STUMPED IN STUDIO CITY, CALIF.

DEAR STUMPED: Your friend may be a compulsive eater, but that’s no excuse for what she has been doing. Tell her in plain English that you don’t like it when she helps herself to food without first asking, or hogging it when it has been prepared for a party.

Taking something that was meant for your toddler was over

the top. Say that if she’s feeling “starved” when she’s headed for your house, she should have a snack to take the edge off before arriving. And if you see less of her because of your frankness, consider yourself lucky.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I and our toddler son were recently out to dinner. A woman walked past our table to the family next to us and gushed about how “beautiful” the couple’s daughter was. Their child was the same age as our son, who is just as well-behaved.

I found it hurtful that a stranger would compliment one child and ignore the family seated at the next table. My husband disagrees. Am I wrong to be offended? Do you think this was rude?

FURIOUS IN FLORIDA

DEAR FURIOUS: I agree with your husband. I doubt the woman deliberately meant to slight your son. All her attention was simply focused on the little girl.

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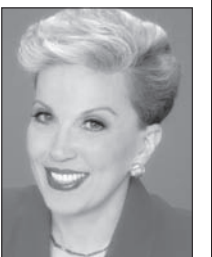
DEAR ABBY: I always take my shower before I go to bed. My friends take their showers in the morning. Which one is correct? I wouldn’t want to go to sleep dirty.

GARY IN BROOKLYN

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR GARY: The time of day one takes a shower is a matter of personal preference and lifestyle. If you are a mechanic or do heavy physical labor, showering before you go to bed makes sense. However, if your job requires working closely with the public or co-workers, then taking a shower in the morning before work is considerate.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in “What Every Teen Should Know.” Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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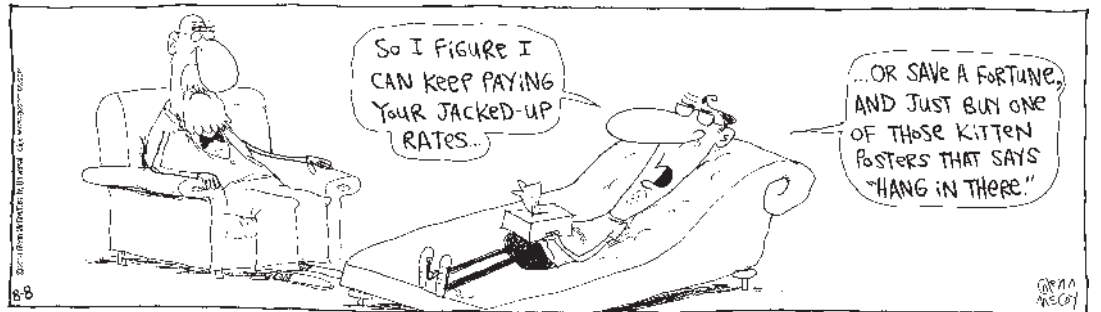
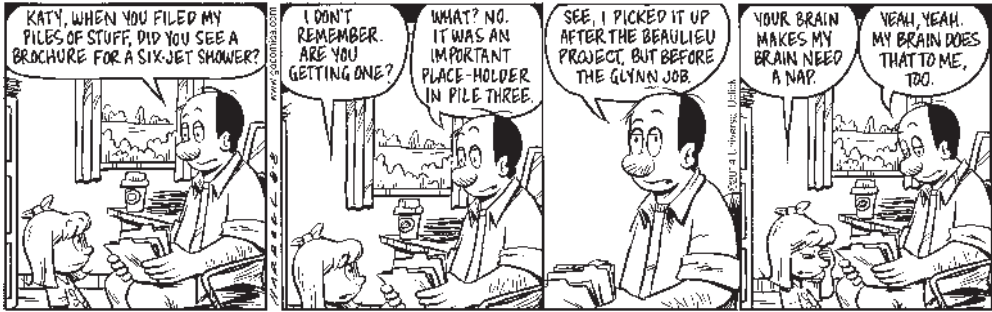


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Yesterday's answer 8-8

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Roger Federer, 33; Joely Collins, 42; Keith Caradine, 65; Dustin Hoffman, 77.

Happy Birthday: You will have to give your all if you want to stay afloat. Don't let obstacles stand in your way. You can overcome any adversity you face. A positive attitude will favor learning quickly and using what you discover to counter any negative influences you face. This may be a challenging year, but it will bring good results that lead to prosperity. Your numbers are 8, 12, 15, 23, 37, 45, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make decisions and follow through. Change will lead to positive opportunities. Speak up, but don't apply pressure. Diplomacy coupled with knowledge will help you gain the support you need to reach your goal. Don't let an emotional situation interfere with work. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Concentrate on what needs to be done. The less you say, the better. Situations will easily get blown out of proportion. Your actions and finishing what you start will be your saving grace. Love is highlighted. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put your efforts into what you can do by using your skills and expertise to the fullest. Don't sit back waiting for someone else to give you the go-ahead. Actions will show your ability to be a responsible leader. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do whatever it takes to improve your attitude, appearance or lifestyle. You will attract

attention if you do things to benefit a cause or group you believe in. Do something to update your looks. Live in the moment and leave the past behind you. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take charge and make changes that will help you add skills and experience to your resume. Don't give in to someone trying to take advantage of you or putting demands on your time. Do what's best for you. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put more energy into whatever you are asked to do. Engage in something that challenges you, but also gives you added confidence as you make your way to the finish line. Success is built one brick at a time. Your determination will pay off. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will have to deal with last-minute alterations. Use your intelligence and ability to see the big picture to find solutions. Don't let anyone coerce you into an argument. Protect yourself from tenacious people. Consider your options. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take your time. Don't feel pressured to make a decision if you aren't ready. Arguing will be futile. Back away until you feel you have a better handle on your options as well as the outcome. Protect your health and your home. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your ideas into motion. Focus on money-making ventures that will help improve your life. Don't let anyone take advantage of you financially by making you feel guilty. Learn from

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past mistakes and offer advice, not cash. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotions will flare up and can cost you if you make an impulse move. Strive to stabilize your life, relationships and your current position and reputation. Love is in the stars and romance will improve your personal life. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be questioning the past, present and future. Look at what's available to you and how you can best use your attributes to reach your goals. A partnership will help fill any gap you encounter along the way. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep things rolling along but don't neglect any problems that appear to be simmering in the background. Keeping abreast of what's going on around you will enable you to avoid any pitfalls along the way. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

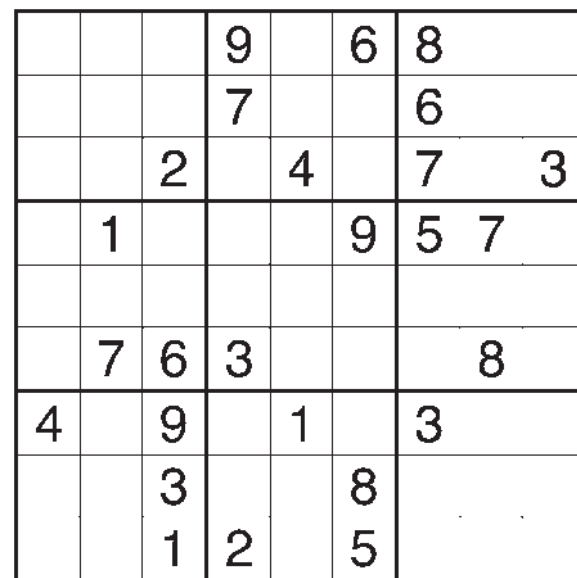
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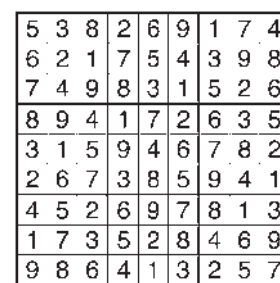


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Woods ready to tee it up in PGA Championship



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Barely able to tie his shoes three days ago, Tiger Woods is ready to tee it up in the PGA Championship.

Woods caused the biggest sensation of the week Wednesday afternoon simply by driving his silver SUV into the parking lot at Valhalla. He has never arrived so late for a major championship and had so little time to prepare - just nine holes at Valhalla, which he had not seen since winning the PGA Championship in 2000.

But at least he's playing.

That much was in doubt Sunday when he withdrew from the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational because of back pain that made it a chore to switch out of his golf shoes. Woods said he suffered a pinched nerve, but that it was not at all related to back surgery he had March 31 that kept him out of golf for three months.

He said his trainer adjusted the area above the sacrum.

"Once he put it back in, the spasms went away," he said. "And from there, I started getting some range of motion."

The latest injury occurred when Woods tried to play a shot from just above a deep bunker on the second hole at Firestone, and his momentum caused him to land hard in the sand. He kept playing, and hit some horrific shots before deciding to withdraw after a tee shot on the ninth hole.

That was only his third tournament since his return from surgery, leading to concern that he might be done for the year.

"It was a different pain than what I had been experiencing," Woods said. "So I knew it wasn't the site of the surgery. It was different and obviously it just the sacrum."

His arrival put some life into what had been an ordinary week. Dozens of cameras captured Woods putting on his shoes with ease at his car. He got a big cheer just walking onto the practice range and the crowd was six-deep down the first hole, about like it was for the

Tiger Woods hits out of the bunker on the seventh hole during a practice round for the PGA Championship golf tournament at Valhalla Golf Club on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014, in Louisville, Ky. The tournament is set to begin on Thursday.



Ryder Cup at Valhalla six years ago.

In the nine holes he played with Steve Stricker, Davis Love III and Harris English, Woods looked the same as he did last week.

He drilled his driver down the first fairway. He badly pulled his tee shot on the third hole. It was a mixture of good and bad, about what can be expected from someone who has played only nine rounds in the last five months.

"Nothing great," Woods said. "It's only Wednesday."

Woods tees off Thursday alongside Phil Mickelson and Padraig Harrington. He simply said, "Yes," when asked if he expected to win, which seemed to be a tall order considering his return from surgery. Woods missed the cut by four shots at the Quicken Loans National, had his worst 72-hole finish in a major at the British Open

and was in the middle of the pack at Firestone when he withdrew.

Barring a victory, this likely will be his last tournament for at least six weeks.

Woods is not eligible for the FedEx Cup playoffs, and he hasn't given U.S. captain Tom Watson much reason to pick him for the Ryder Cup. Woods said he would have to "play well" to give reason for Watson to take him.

"That's the only thing I can control," Woods said. "Try to go out there and win this event. That's all I'm focused on."

Watson has said he wanted Woods on the team if he was healthy and playing well. About the time Woods arrived at the course, Watson was successfully dodging questions about his chances of making the team.

"It's speculation what's going to

happen," Watson said. "I can't tell you what's going to happen with Tiger."

The excitement over his arrival was sure to be tempered by the reality of the task ahead. Not only has Woods gone more than a year without winning—and six years since he last won a major—Rory McIlroy has replaced him as the overwhelming favorite. McIlroy went wire-to-wire at the British Open, then rallied from a three-shot deficit to win the World Golf Championship at Firestone.

Sergio Garcia was a runner-up both times. Garcia, who went 0-3 playing in the final group with Woods at three majors, was asked about similarities between the two.

"When they are both at their best, to me it seems like Rory is less afraid of hitting driver," he said. "And when he's hitting it as well as he's hitting it

now, he's hitting it very far and quite straight. So it's a little bit of an advantage at that point."

Woods might have lost his advantage from being a past champion at Valhalla. He missed the Ryder Cup in 2008 while recovering from knee surgery, and course architect Jack Nicklaus has made plenty of changes, particularly on some of the greens. Woods spent much of his time chipping from collection areas that weren't around 14 years ago.

"It's a totally different golf course than what I played in 2000," he said. "The greens are all different. I have my book from 2000—it's useless. There's some new things that we have to learn out there."

With that, he headed to the back nine to walk the remainder of the course with his putter. He had 15 hours before teeing off in the final major of the year.

Miller, Jones excited to play with LeBron again



INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP)—They were pieces of a championship puzzle in Miami, perfect fits.

Mike Miller and James Jones hope to be just as valuable accessories in Cleveland to help LeBron James win a title that would mean more to the superstar than any other.

"Obviously," Miller said, "our goal is to win a championship."

Attracted to the Cavaliers for a chance to play again with James, Miller and Jones were introduced Wednesday by the Cavs, who finally got a chance to show off some of their newest assets of this "monumental" summer.

Flanking Cavs general manager David Griffin, Miller and Jones both expressed their excitement at being a part of James' homecoming, a return the Ohio native wants to crown by ending the city's 50-year championship drought. Miller and Jones won back-to-back titles with James and the Heat.

They know what it takes to win, and they know it won't be easy.

"Winning a championship takes a lot of hard work. It's one of the hardest things you'll ever do," Miller said. I was able to be a part, and James was

able to be a part of an unbelievable ride in Miami."

They're riding with James again.

Two of the league's better long-range shooters, Miller and Jones will give Cleveland more weapons to add to the ones they already have in James, All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving and maybe even forward Kevin Love, who could be headed to the Cavaliers in a trade with Minnesota before the month ends.

Miller and Jones understand what it's like to be on the floor and on the receiving end of a pass from James, one of the best enablers the game has ever seen.

"It's great," Jones said. "I relish the opportunity to play with LeBron once again and the chance to play with Kyrie because as a shooter that's what you want, you want good looks. Sometimes the looks can be too open, it gives you too much time to think, but we'll live with those problems."

The Cavs have fewer of those these days.

Following a disappointing season, they drafted Andrew Wiggins with the No. 1 overall pick, signed coach David Blatt and top assistant Tyrone Lue,

rekindled with James and re-signed the four-time MVP after a four-year separation, signed Miller and Jones and could soon land Love, one of the league's best players.

"I don't know if you can have six months like we've had, but it's been special," Griffin said.

It could get better. Along with the potential deal for Love, which could cost the Cavs Wiggins, Cleveland also has interest in signing free agent Ray Allen, the most prolific 3-point shooter in league history.

Jones recently spent time with in Connecticut with Allen, who is weighing retirement against a shot at a fourth championship ring.

"We talked about those things that are important to us, which are families, our legacies and our careers," Jones said. "So he has a decision to make. Of course we'd love to have Ray. Hopefully he makes a decision that's best for him, and hopefully it's a decision to continue to play. But as far as where he goes and what he's thinking, I don't know."

"I'm pretty sure he knows the guys that are here up front, and LeBron, would love for him to play with us."

Hoyer, not Manziel, starting exhibition opener

BEREA, Ohio (AP)—Johnny Manziel will start Cleveland's exhibition opener on the sideline.

Browns coach Mike Pettine chose Brian Hoyer as the starting quarterback for Saturday's game in Detroit, giving the veteran the first chance to impress before Manziel takes the field.

Pettine said the decision to start Hoyer over Manziel was based on the veteran's performance so far in training camp.

"That was his job," Pettine said. "He was the one coming into it. We did want to mix the groups up coming into it, as we did, but he's done nothing to have that taken away from him, so he'll be out there with the starters."

Manziel has steadily improved, closing the gap on Hoyer in recent days as the rookie becomes more comfortable with the Browns' playbook and offense. The former Heisman Trophy winner took his first practice snaps with the first-team offense earlier this week and he could get some playing time with Cleve-

land's starters against the Lions.

Manziel said the Xs and Os aren't as jumbled in his mind as they were even a few days ago.

"You just get out there with a lot less clutter," he said. "We're in to a couple weeks now, and it feels a lot more comfortable for me. There's still

a long ways to go for me obviously, and like I said a week ago, I felt like if I kept working on this stuff and got more and more familiar with a certain play call, a certain formation, a certain concept, then in due time I would get better at certain concepts and there's still a lot more for me to go."

The competition between Hoyer and Manziel appears to have tightened, and Pettine said both QBs have made progress during the first two weeks of camp.

"They've both made improvement, and I think they're both doing a great job of playing to their skill sets," Pettine said. "It's obviously very different, what they bring to the table. I think Brian's starting to feel very comfortable in the pocket."



Haren, Kemp lift Dodgers past Angels



ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) —

Dan Haren pitched three-hit ball into the eighth inning, and Matt Kemp homered in the Los Angeles Dodgers' victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday.

Andre Ethier had an RBI double in the second inning as the Freeway Series moved down the I-5 to Anaheim after the clubs split the first two games in Chavez Ravine.

Haren (9-9) took a perfect game into the sixth inning of his best start since June for the Dodgers, who improved the majors' best road record to 35-23 by beating the majors' best home team.

Erick Aybar singled and scored in the eighth for the Angels, who missed a chance to move within one game of major league-leading Oakland in the AL West.

Matt Shoemaker (9-4) yielded six hits and struck out five over six solid innings for the Angels.

Kenley Jansen earned his 32nd save.



Los Angeles Angels right fielder Kole Calhoun catches a ball hit by Los Angeles Dodgers' Matt Kemp during the eighth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014, in Anaheim, Calif. AP

Mariners 7, Braves 3

In Seattle, the Mariners handed Atlanta its eighth straight loss, with Dustin Ackley and Logan Morrison hitting home runs in the third inning to beat the Braves 7-3 Wednesday.

The Braves were swept at Dodger Stadium and San Diego before losing two at Safeco Field.

Ackley led off the third with a home run, and Morrison added a three-run shot off Julio Teheran (10-8) for a 5-3 lead. Robinson Cano doubled twice and scored two runs for Seattle.

Chris Young (10-6) allowed three runs in five innings.

Padres 5, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Center fielder Alexi Amarista made a game-saving catch in the bottom of the ninth inning, and Seth Smith followed with a solo homer in the 10th to lift San Diego over Minnesota.

Amarista ran backward on a dead sprint and laid out for a brilliant diving catch of a drive off the bat of Eduardo Escobar with two on and two outs to keep the game tied.

Smith had two hits and two RBIs. Joaquin Benoit picked up his fourth save in five tries, and the Padres earned a split in the two-game series.

Rangers 3, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Adam Rosales homered twice in a game for the first time in his career and Nick Tepesch pitched scoreless ball into the sixth inning, leading Texas over Chris Sale and the Chicago White Sox.

The Rangers, who began the day with baseball's worst record, have won consecutive games for the first time since June 27-28. They routed the White Sox 16-0 on Tuesday.

Rosales hit a two-run homer in the second and added a solo shot

in the seventh. He entered with only one homer this season.

Rays 7 Athletics 3

In Oakland, Kevin Kiermaier hit a two-run homer to help Jeremy Hellickson end a six-start winless stretch for his first victory in 11 months, and Tampa Bay avoided a sweep against Oakland.

Hellickson (1-1) allowed two hits and one run in seven innings, struck out three and walked none. He hadn't reached five innings in any of his previous three starts this year or in five outings dating to the end of the 2013 season. Hellickson returned late last month following right elbow surgery in January.

The Rays handed reigning AL Pitcher of the Month Sonny Gray (12-5) his second straight defeat following a 5-0 July in which he had a 1.03 ERA.

Yankees 5, Tigers 1

In New York, Chris Capuano outpitched Justin Verlander, and Brian McCann and Chase Headley homered to send the New York Yankees past Detroit.

The Yankees improved to 2-1 in these three straight games started for Detroit by AL Cy Young Award winners. New York edged Max Scherzer on Monday, then David Price got a no-decision Tuesday in a game the Tigers won in the 12th.

Capuano gave up an unearned run and five hits in 6 2-3 innings, striking out eight and walking one. Adam Warren (2-5) got four outs for the win.

Phillies 10, Astros 3

In Philadelphia, Chase Utley hit a three-run homer, and Ben Revere had four hits, including a triple, to lead Philadelphia over Houston.

Ryan Howard had two hits and two RBIs with a double for Philadelphia, which had scored just two runs in 35 2/3 innings

entering Wednesday.

David Buchanan (6-5) was called up again to replace injured starter Cliff Lee. He gave up three runs and nine hits in 6 1/3 innings with five strikeouts and no walks.

Brad Peacock (3-8) struggled in his first big-league start since being sent to the minors. He allowed eight runs and seven hits in five innings, and lost his third straight start.

Pirates 7, Marlins 3

In Pittsburgh, Josh Harrison had three hits to extend his hot streak, and Jeff Locke overcame a shaky start to pitch seven innings as Pittsburgh beat Miami.

Harrison hit a double and scored twice. He is 20 for 44 during a 10-game hitting streak, with six doubles, one triple and five home runs.

Locke (3-3) gave up three runs in the first two innings, and then shut out the Marlins over his last five.

Christian Yelich hit a two-run homer that drew Miami within 4-3 in the second.

Nationals 7, Mets 1

In Washington, Doug Fister took a five-hit shutout into the eighth inning, Adam LaRoche homered twice and Danny Espinosa also connected as Washington beat the New York Mets.

Fister (11-3) allowed one unearned run and six hits in 7 1-3 innings. He struck out seven and reduced his ERA to 2.49.

LaRoche hit a two-run drive in the first inning and a solo shot in the eighth, his 23rd career multi-homer game. Espinosa went deep with two on in the sixth, and Anthony Rendon hit two doubles to help NL East-leading Washington increase its lead over sputtering Atlanta to four games.

Blue Jays 5, Orioles 1

In Toronto, Drew Hutchison

came within one out of his second career complete game, Jose Bautista homered and drove in three runs, and Toronto topped Baltimore to snap a four-game losing streak.

Melky Cabrera had three hits as the Blue Jays closed within four games of the AL East-leading Orioles and handed Baltimore its first loss in four games.

Hutchison (8-9) struck out eight and allowed just one hit, a solo homer by Chris Davis in the second, to win for the second time in three starts.

Reds 8, Indians 3

In Cincinnati, Mat Latos pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning and chipped in with a hit as Cincinnati opened a seven-game homestand with a win over Cleveland.

Zack Cozart hit a three-run homer off the left-field foul pole, and Kristopher Negron added a two-run shot as the Reds won for the third time in four games.

Latos (4-3) allowed just one runner past second base before Yan Gomes led off Cleveland's three-run eighth with his 16th homer.

Giants 7, Brewers 4

In Milwaukee, Michael Morse and Pablo Sandoval each drove in three runs to lead San Francisco over Milwaukee.

Ryan Vogelsong (7-8) gave up one run on seven hits in six innings for the Giants to win consecutive starts for the first time since May. On Friday, the right-hander allowed two hits in a complete game against the Mets.

Milwaukee's Yovani Gallardo (6-6) had a streak of 16 2-3-innings without giving up a run snapped in the first when he allowed three.

Red Sox 2, Cardinals 1

In St. Louis, Xander Bogaerts

drove in two runs, including a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the ninth inning, as Boston beat St. Louis.

The matchup of Shelby Miller and Joe Kelly, former teammates who were each other's best man at their weddings, was a high quality draw that brought out their best. Each allowed a run in seven innings.

Junichi Tazawa (2-3) worked a perfect eighth, and Koji Uehara worked around two hits in the ninth for his 23rd save in 25 chances. Boston won for the third time in 14 games and snapped St. Louis' three-game win streak.

Rockies 13, Cubs 4

In Denver, Carlos Gonzalez homered, doubled and singled in his return to the lineup, and Colorado snapped a five-game losing streak by beating the Chicago Cubs.

Corey Dickerson had four hits, drove in three and was a homer shy of the cycle. Mike McKenry also homered for Colorado.

The Rockies hadn't won since beating the Cubs last week at Wrigley Field, but ended their struggles with a big sixth inning against starter Jake Arrieta (6-3).

Royals 4, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Mike Moustakas homered and drove in four runs, Yordano Ventura pitched six solid innings, and Kansas City edged Arizona to win its fifth straight series.

The Royals rolled over the Diamondbacks in the opener and had just enough offense for Ventura (9-8) to take the second game.

Moustakas, who was 1 for 13 to start the six-game road trip, hit a two-run homer off Josh Collmenter (8-6) in the third inning and added a run-scoring single off the right-hander in the fourth.

Selig expects vote next week on his successor

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP)—Commissioner Bud Selig expects baseball owners to vote next week from a list of three candidates for his successor.

"Yes, there will be a vote in Baltimore," Selig said Wednesday, referring to the owners' meeting next week.

Selig said the seven-member panel appointed earlier this year, and headed by St. Louis Cardinals chairman Bill DeWitt Jr., worked independently to get to this point.

"I told them at the time that the job was theirs because, after all, they have to live with the commissioner. I'm going to be gone," said Selig, who is retiring in January.

"I've been very well-informed and briefed and so forth, but they've been independent and they've come up with this list on their own, and I'm grateful for that. They did what I asked them to do."

The reported finalists for the job are Rob Manfred, MLB's chief operating officer; Tim Brosnan, MLB's executive vice president for business and Boston Red Sox chairman Tom Werner.

When asked about those names, Selig said "the list is accurate."

The commissioner has refrained from publicly endorsing anyone as his replacement after 22 years on the job.

Selig spoke to reporters after addressing the opening luncheon for the 2014 Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) World Series, which will feature about 300 players ages 13-18 with 16 teams playing in the Dallas-Fort Worth area this week.

The gathering came a day after the former clinic owner accused of selling performance-enhancing drugs to Alex Rodriguez agreed to plead guilty in what prosecutors called a wide-ranging conspiracy to distribute steroids to both major league ballplayers and high school athletes.

With potentially more legal proceedings related to Biogenesis, after former owner Anthony Bosch and six others were charged, there is always the possibility of additional names being revealed.

"I'm really not concerned," Selig said. "We did what we had to do. We'll be very thorough. ... I don't really have any knowledge if there's anything else coming."

"Look, I'm proud of where we are," he said. "We have the toughest drug testing program in America, and certain American sports."

Pacquiao vs Mayweather possible for May 2015 date?

Both fans and the fighters themselves have been yearning for a super-bout in recent years and it seems that they might finally have their chance. Manny “Pacman” Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather Jr. could take to the ring in May 2015.

Mayweather is still willing to fight Pacquiao despite having previously failed negotiations for a fight. Even before negotiations, fans and officials didn’t believe that the fight between the boxing superstars would happen.

Pacquiao’s coach, Freddie Roach, said that Mayweather does not want to fight Pacquiao to risk his undefeated streak.

“Floyd’s main concern has become keeping that zero losses on his record. I don’t see him taking any real risk of losing that before the end of next year, when he says he’s retiring,” Roach told Daily Mail UK.

“It’s not that he’s afraid of Manny. No fighters are scared of anybody in the world. It’s just that he believes that if he goes out undefeated he will be seen as better than greats like Sugar Ray Robinson, who had losses on their records,” Roach adds.

Mayweather is currently set for a fight against Marcos Maidana on Sept. 13 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. The number one pound-for-pound fighter is not very keen on fighting Pacquiao, rather he is willing



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Philippine congressman and boxing hero Manny Pacquiao, top center, has his pictures taken with fellow representatives before the start of the 5th State of the Nation Address by President Benigno Aquino III during the joint session of the 16th Congress at the House of Representatives in suburban Quezon city, north of Manila, Philippines Monday, July 28, 2014.

because of the money involved. Pacquiao had challenged Mayweather telling him to put up or shut up.

The challenge from Pacquiao is not surprising as Mayweather had repeatedly taunted and trash-talked his rival in recent years leading up to his success.

The hints about the May 2015

super fight comes from Pacquiao’s contract extension with promoter Top Rank as well as his commitment to Bob Arum’s outfit until 2016 up to his retirement. Pacquiao’s fights are mostly shown on HBO while Mayweather’s are shown on HBO’s rival Showtime. Because of this, the fight was not

likely to happen unless Mayweather is willing to return to HBO.

Pacquiao is set to face unbeaten American Chris Algieri on Nov. 22 at the Cotai Arena at the Venetian in Macau, China.

The 30-year-old Algieri (20-0, 8 KOs) is also reported to be earning the biggest pay-

day of his career of more than \$1,000,000 against Pacquiao (56-5-2, 38 KOs).

Meanwhile, Pacquiao is getting into MMA.

Pacquiao won’t be stepping into the cage any time soon, but he now has a connection to mixed martial arts after purchasing an undisclosed number

of shares in the Asian-based One Fighting Championship, CEO Victor Cui confirmed to Yahoo Sports.

“I’m pretty pumped,” Cui said. “There are a ton of reasons why I’m pretty excited about this. Obviously, Manny Pacquiao is a global sports icon and having him as a part of our organization as a shareholder and promoting One FC and promoting the sport is huge for the sport in the region. It promotes awareness and growth.”

Cui described Pacquiao as a “relatively new MMA fan.” Pacquiao has a series of gyms he owns in Asia and all of them offer MMA classes and MMA training areas.

Cui said when Pacquiao pulled on a pair of One FC MMA gloves, a devilish smile crossed his face. Pacquiao, the WBO welterweight champion, wears eight-ounce gloves when he boxes and is still one of the sport’s hardest puncher. The MMA gloves are four ounces.

“You could see him calculating the difference from the boxing gloves to the MMA gloves,” Cui said. “He said to me, ‘Man, someone could get hurt with the power of my punches if I could wear these.’”

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dent Athlete of the Month. The Saipan Swim Club swimmer won the gold medal in the 200m, 400, and 800m freestyle races in Pohnpei. She also took a bronze in the 100m freestyle event.

In the men’s division, another track and field star Beo Ngirchongor, led the Male Athlete of the Month award winners. Ngirchongor was picked as one of the awardees for July for ruling the men’s 400m hurdles and 400m

run in last month’s Micro Games.

Joinining Ngirchongor on the top awardees list were the CNMI Paddling Team and wrestling’s David Barnhouse Jr. Paddlers Ketson “Jack” Kabiriel, James Pedro Aldan Jr., Carter Calma, Benusto Olopai, and Joshua Andrew triumphed in the 1,500m canoe race at the Lidakihka Beach after clocking in at 7:47.96. The Commonwealth paddlers won against Pohnpei and Palau, which logged 7:48.19 and 7:59.71, respectively.

Barnhouse handed the CNMI

three gold medals after his victories in the 105kg’s clean and jerk, snatch, and total divisions.

Meanwhile, NMSA also acknowledged other CNMI medalists in the Micro Games.

The list includes the CNMI Baseball Team, which brought home a silver medal after battling Guam in the finals at the Daini Field. The Commonwealth sluggers lost in the finals, 8-14. The team was composed of Male Student Athlete of the Month Ian Rogolifoi, Joshua Jones, Manny Sablan, Byron Kaipat, Tyrone Omar,

Vince Cepeda, Ben Jones Jr, Jerome Delos Santos, Roy Celis, Brian Camacho, Rocco Reyes, Jared Sablan, Diego Camacho, Jun Rabauliman, Peter Lieto, Joe Palacios, Jr., Greg Iskawa, Anthony Benavente, Tom Camacho, Patrick Alepuyo, and Chris Camacho. Tony Rogolifoi was the team manager while Mel Sakisat was the coach.

Also winning silver medals for the CNMI were weightlifters Leo Apelo Jr. and Raymond Santos and athletics’ Friendly Joy Pena, Jaynar White, Zarinnae Sapong, Lia Rangamar,

Abrams, Jessie James, and Orrin Pharmin. Completing the list of awardees were bronze medalists Salvi Villanueva (weightlifting) and the CNMI Women’s National Team. The women’s squad was composed of Connie Camacho Lia Rangamar, Irish Pagarao, Ira Paleiro, Lilly Williams, Jamie Mendoza, Teresita Sablan, Rachel Abrams, Madeleine Alegre, Marie Javier, Antonette Labausa, and Michelle Kautz. Elias Rangamar and Preston Basa were the coach and assistant, respectively.

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Ricky Camp. Camp pulled the plug on Pua at the 1:32 mark of the opening round after employing a rear-naked choke on the latter. Before his defeat to Camp, Pua won over John Ogarto during ROP: 10 Bad Intentions (March 11, 2011) off a RNC (1:30, first round) and against Joy Inias Fred at Trench Warz 14: Ground Zero (June 17, 2011) off TKO (punches, 1:27 of the first round).

Pua has a better record than Toves, who according to sherdog.com, has no wins in six bouts with five losses and a draw.

The Pua-Toves title match is one of the 17 bouts line up in ROP 17. The list also includes three kickboxing duels, 12 preliminary MMA fights, and one super fight.

The semi-main event will have the flyweight super fight between Trench Tech’s Mark “The Dark” Nuique and HBP Guam’s Ernie Santos, while the three K1 bouts will feature Jayvin “The Prodigy” Santos of Ultimate Martial Arts vs Matthew “Might Mouse” Sablan of RedAnts Academy; Jorell “Elusive” Meno of UMA vs Jamaal “The Striker” Mresbang of Tea, StrikeForce; and Paul “Showtime” Muna of Counter-shot vs Shane “Pikaboo” Alvarez of Trench Tech.

For the preliminary MMA bouts, independent fighter Leo “Lion King” Mendiola will debut against Down2Scrap’s Jay “BonBon” Camacho in the curtain-raiser at the 125-lb catch weight. Next up will be another 125lb bout that will feature Zalaka’s Allen “The Silver Bullet” Aguon, who is still looking for an opponent.

Completing the list of MMA bouts are Tan “Titan” Taisacan vs Lucas “Irish Zombie” Nutting; Dustin Smith vs Garry “Disa” Ray; Ray “Faluwasch” Teregeyo vs Jon “Outlaw” Camacho; Peter “Short Fuse” Ayuyu vs Jumeel Tamano; John Tudela vs Mike Mediola; Renz “The Intense” Benghit vs Jun Taitingfong; Ethan “Typhoon” Reyes vs Jordan “The Machine” Manglona; Rocky “Rockstar” Quichocho vs Myron “The Natural” San Nicolas; Daniel “Flowmotion” Floor vs Vince “The Clinch” Maska; and Eric “Gatty” Garman vs Keith “K OZ” Ogo.

All fights are subjected to changes and tickets for the event are still on sale at \$25 for general admission and \$40 for VIP. For more information, contact Cuki Alvarez at 483-4MMA.

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Ocampo was held to six points and two field goals in the playoff frame.

In the second game, Mariana Resort set up the rout with a third-quarter breakaway against Hawaiian Rock.

Ahead by only six after the first half, 35-29, Mariana Resort stretched the lead to double digits in the third, 56-43. Jun Alipio starred for Mariana Resort in the third, scoring eight of his 11 points in the quarter, including a string of six markers.

In the fourth period, Alipio’s teammates stepped up, leaving Hawaiian Rock with no chance to mount a comeback.

Jorge De Guzman top-scored for Mariana Resort with his 19 markers, while Joseph Galulu

added 10. Jerry Lopez and Robert Guiang had 17 each to lead Hawaiian Rock.

First Game

PIC Chefs 74 – J. Tabora 43, Sublemente 13, Catalla 6, Francia 6, Catacutan 6.

Degree 73 – Ocampo 28, Surima 15, Geli 10, Sampang 15, Jinang 2, Ebuen 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-18, 36-36, 54-49, 74-73.

Second Game

Mariana Resort 76 – De Guzman 19, Alipio 11, Galulu 10, Stohle 9, Pineda 9, Cortez 8, Montes 5, Abuan 2, de la Torre 2, Garcia 2.

Hawaiian Rock 57 – Lopez 17, Guiang 17, Abaygar 4, Mateo 4, Dela Cruz 4, Tiples 3, De Belen 2, Saplan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-9, 35-29, 56-43, 76-57.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	64	.49	.566 —
Toronto	61	.54	.530 4
New York	59	.54	.522 5
Tampa Bay	55	.59	.482 9½
Boston	50	.63	.442 14

Central Division

Detroit	62	.49	.559 —
Kansas City	59	.53	.527 3½
Cleveland	57	.57	.500 6½
Chicago	55	.60	.478 9
Minnesota	51	.61	.455 11½

West Division

Oakland	69	.44	.611 —
Los Angeles	67	.46	.593 2
Seattle	59	.54	.522 10
Houston	47	.67	.412 22½
Texas	45	.69	.395 24½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	61	.51	.545 —
Atlanta	58	.56	.509 4
Miami	55	.58	.487 6½
New York	54	.60	.474 8
Philadelphia	51	.63	.447 11

Central Division

Milwaukee	62	.52	.544 —
St. Louis	60	.52	.536 1
Pittsburgh	60	.53	.531 1½
Cincinnati	58	.56	.509 4
Chicago	48	.64	.429 13

West Division

Los Angeles	65	.50	.565 —
San Francisco	62	.52	.544 2½
San Diego	52	.61	.460 12
Arizona	49	.65	.430 15½
Colorado	45	.68	.398 19

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Micro Games gold medalists lauded

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CNMI athletes who won gold medals in the 8th Micronesian Games in Pohnpei were honored last night and were named NMSA athletes of the month for July.

Leading the list of the July award-ees chosen during Northern Marianas Sports Association's meeting yesterday at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gym was multiple medalist Rachael Abrams of athletics. Abrams brought home three gold medals from Pohnpei after topping the 200m run in a record-breaking fashion and winning in the 100m hurdles and high jump. She shared the NMSA Female Athlete of the Month with fellow athletics bet Dolores Ran-



gamar and Lia Rangamar. Dolores bagged a gold medal in the discus throw, while her daughter Lia prevailed in the javelin.

Duplicating Abrams three-gold medal haul was Victoria Chentsova, who was selected as the Female Stu-

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KURT BARNES

Beo Ngirchongor, left, races in the 4x100m relay after getting the baton from Orrin Pharmin during the 8th Micronesian Games in Pohnpei last month.



Grudge match highlights ROP 17

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TREACH TECH

A grudge match between Guam's Ryan "The Predator" Toves and Saipan's Vince "Vinsanity" Pua will take center stage in Rites of Passage 17: Road to Glory.

Toves is looking to avenge his loss to Pua when they collide anew in the lightweight title fight on Aug. 22 at the

Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort. The Marianas Elite fighter earned a TKO win (slam) over Toves of HBP Guam at the 2:47 mark of the first round of their bout in Treach Warz 15: Supremacy on Dec. 26, 2011.

Including his victory against Toves, Pua holds an impressive 3-1 win-loss mark. Incidentally, Pua absorbed his lone loss in his recent recorded fight on ROP: 12 Unstoppable versus Guam's

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Spike 22's Ricky Camp, wrangles up Marianas Elite's Vince "Vinsanity" Pua in the Rites of Passage 12: Unstoppable held in 2012 at the Saipan World Resort.

PIC Chefs, Mariana Resort win

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Pacific Islands Club Chefs and Mariana Resort notched contrasting wins in the 2014 Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League-Docomo Pacific Cup last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

PIC Chefs pulled off a 74-73 win over Degree in the first game, while Mariana Resort coasted past Hawaiian Rock in the second match, 76-57. Mariana Resort now has a 4-1 record to stay in second place behind the unbeaten Blue Haus (3-0) and Armatech (3-0), while Hawaiian Rock dropped from third to fourth with its 2-3 slate. PIC Chef moved up to third after improving to an even 2-2 mark, while Degree is still at the cellar with its 0-5 record.

Jun "Smoking Gun" Tabora was on target in PIC Chefs' close win, firing a league-best of 43 points. He drilled PIC Chefs' first eight points in the fourth

quarter to keep the team's distance and also hit the last basket that gave his squad its second victory. Tabora had 14 points in the fourth quarter, just six short of matching the output of the entire Degree team.

Tabora outgunned Alex Ocampo in a shootout in the first period to lift PIC to a 20-18 advantage. Tabora sizzled for 14 markers in the first canto do double up Ocampo. They cancelled out each other in the second period, tallying six markers apiece, while three other Degree players made at least two baskets apiece to tie the match at halftime, 36-36.

The game remained tight in the third with Tabora and Ocampo still trading baskets before the former had the latter's number in the fourth to help PIC Chefs escape with the win.

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Mariana Resort's Jorge De Guzman goes up for a reverse layup against two PIC Chef defenders during the opening game in the Emon Lodge-Pacific Cup last month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.